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2nd Mar.	ARABIA	7903	.....	....
9th „	ORIENTAL	6394	BRITANNIA	6325
16th „	PERSIA	7951	.....	....
23rd „	PENINSULAR	6394	MARMORA	10509
30th „	CALEDONIA	7858	.....	....
6th Apr.	* MACEDONIA	10312	.....	....
13th „	CHINA	7912	.....	....
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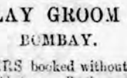

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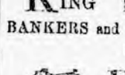

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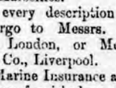

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TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION.

EDWARD VII, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

Petition for Letters of Administration of the property and credits of PARWATIBAI, widow of MOHANJI ODHOWJI, late of Bombay, Bhansali Hindoo Inhabitant, residing at Gokalwady outside the Fort of Bombay, deceased.

MITHIBAI, wife of MADHOWJI DULABHJI, of Bombay, Hindoo Inhabitant, residing at Gokalwady outside the Fort of Bombay, the only sister and sole next of kin of the husband of the abovenamed deceased ....Petitioner.

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EXCHANGES—
[illegible] ..... 25/23 = + 1/2
Berlin cheques ..... 20/60 1/4 = — 1/4
New York Demand ..... 4/85 1/8 = unchanged
DISCOUNTS—
Bank of England ..... 6 per cent. = unchanged
3 months' eight Bank Bills .... 4 7/8 do. = — 1/8
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INTEREST—
Day to day loans ..... 3 5/8 per cent. = unchanged
7 day market loans ..... 3 7/8 per cent. = + 1/8

Amount paid into the Bank of England about £ 25,000.

WHEAT—Quiet
BAR SILVER—
Brown 42 3-4 – 1-4 April-May sellers quiet
LIVERPOOL—Quiet
COFFEE—
Costa a New York 6 7/8

IN LIVERPOOL—

Cotton Market closed		steady
East Indian		quiet
Manchester		steady
Total Sales		10,000
Spot		5-32–7
Egyptian F. G. F. Brown		10 5-16
Sold on speculation and for Export		500
Imports		48,000
Futures closed		firm
Jan.-Feb. 5.50 plus 4	Feb.-Mar. 5.48 plus 4	Mar.-Apr. 5.46 plus 3
Apl.-May 5.46 plus 3	May-June. 5.45 plus 3	June-July 5.45 plus 3
July-Aug. 5.43 plus 3	Aug.-Sept. 5.23 plus 3	Sept.-Oct. 5.24 plus 4
Receipts at U. S. Ports		64,000
Do. last year		36,000
Exports to Great Britain		13,000
Do. do. Continent		14,500

IN NEW YORK—

Spot	10.80 plus 10	*
Futures, month of March	9.46 plus 14	*
Do. month of July	9.71 plus 13	*

* Advanced owing to firm cables and to smaller estimated receipts for to-morrow.

IN NEW ORLEANS—

Spot	10.7/16
Futures, month of March	10.19 plus 15
Do. month of July	10.24 plus 15
Tone at close	steady

Liverpool quotations for East India Cotton are all reduced 1-16d.

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay for the 24 hours ending 6 p.m. on 15 January :—

Cotton	20, 24 bales.
Wheat	1,529 cwts.
Linseed	568 "
Rape, Rai and Mustard	2,764 "
Gingelly seed	32,097 "
Poppyseed	179 "
Groundnuts	2,555 "
Castorseed	5,955 "
Ajwan	7,388 "
Myrabolams	6,357 "
Cutchsseed	27,139 "
Mowrasseed	1,101 "
Gram	611 "
Joowar	1,463 "
Maize	65 "

BOMBAY, WEDNESDAY EVENING.

There is a slight reaction in the cotton quotations from America received this morning, probably due to the covering of sales after the fall of the past few days. Our local market is quite steady with prices about Re. 1 higher than yesterday. We do not hear of much fresh business passing. The settlement of January contracts is still the chief business at Colaba.

Sterling exchange is a shade easier following the fall in discounts advised in London. Rupee Paper is steady and has advanced three annas since closing yesterday. Shares are steady :—

Petits	Rs. 3,425	Feb.
Davids	" 440	do.
Kohinoors	" 735	do.
Morarji Mill	" 2,790.	do.
Bank of Bombay	" 1,370 x. d.	do.
Ahmedabad Prantaj Ry	540	do.

EXCHANGE.—Tone steady.

Bank T. T. ...	...	...	Is. 1 1/8 5/32d.
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Credit Bills 4 Months Sight D. A.			Is. 1 17/32d.
Do. 6 do.	do.	...	Is. 1 11/16.
French Francs 3 do.	do.	...	... 172 3/4
Marcks 3 do.	do.	...	... 141 1/2
Hongkong 30 Days' Sight ...			... 161 1/2
Shanghai 30 do.	do.	...	... 221
Do. 30 do.	do.	...	... 148 1/2

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—3 1/2 per cent. Tone steady.

Cash	... 96-2
1st Settlement 31st January ...	... 96-5

MONEY MARKET.—Tone firm.

BANK RATE—

Bank of England since 19th Oct.	6 per cent.
Bank of Bombay do. 13th Dec.	9 do.
Bank of Bengal do. 6th Dec.	9 do.
Bank of Madras do. 13th Dec.	8 do.

SEEDS.—

Linseed.—Tone steady.		
Ready	... Rs.	7-0-0
Forward Apl.-May ...	... Rs.	7-5-6
Rapeseed.—Tone dull.		
Brown Cawnpore,—... ...		
Do. Forward Apl.-May	... Rs.	7-3-6
Yellow Guzerat		
Do. Forward Apl.-May...	Rs.	7-15-0
Poppyseed.—Tone steady.		
Ready...	... Rs.	10-3-0
Forward April-May...	... Rs.	8-6-0
Castorseed.—Tone steady.		
Ready	... Rs.	46-0-0
Forward April-May	... Rs.	36-0 0
Gingellyseed.—Tone firm.		
15 per cent. Mixed...	... Rs.	48-8-0
25 " " ...	... Rs.	47-8-0
50 " " ...	... Rs.	46-8-0
Black Kutnee ...	... Rs.	41-8-0
Wheat.—Tone quiet.		
White Delhi, April-May	... Rs.	4-8-0.

Official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association, Limited:—

	Fine.	F-G	Goods.	Delivery.
Dhollera, M. G. (Ry. terms) and ...	181	172	..	Ready.
S. Punjab M G	178	169	..	Jan. 29
Comrawattee (description) M-G..	201	198	..	Ready.
Do do	204	198	..	Jan. 25
Khandeish (M-G)	189	183	..	Ready.
Do do	189	183	..	Jan. 25.
Khangaum, (M-G) fair staple				
Ratnee M-G) do	201	198	..	Ready.
Akola (M-G) do	204	198	..	Jan. 25
Yeotmal (M. G.)	220	214	..	Ready.
Do do	220	214	..	Jan. 25.
Nagpur Kamptee (M-G)	224	218	..	Ready.
Do do	224	218	..	Jan. 25
Broach (M.G.)	225	...	238	Mar. 25
Muttia (M. G.	187	177	..	Ready.
Do do	187	177	..	Jan 25,
Bengal, M.G.	174	165	..	Ready.
Do do	175	168	..	Jan. 25
Dhamangaum and Peelgaum M-G..	214	208	..	Ready.
Do do	215	207	..	Jan. 25,
Karanja (M.G.)	204	198	..	Ready.
Do. Do.	204	198	..	Jan 25

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone	steady.
Estimated sales	10,000 bales.
Imports	37,000 "

Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.	Mar.-Apl.
5.52 plus 2	5.49 plus 1	5.48 plus 2
Apl.-May. 5.47 plus 1	May-June. 5.47 plus 1	June-July. 5.46 plus 1
July-Aug. 5.46 plus 1	Aug.-Sept. 5.40 plus 1	Sept.-Oct. 5.35 plus 1

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a. m. yesterday, give the following results :—

Wards.	Plague Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade ...	0	0	4
B Mandvi, Chakla, Cumbhalli and Dongri ...	2	1	14
C Market, Dhobi Talao Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar Khara Talao, and Kumbharwada ...	3	3	21
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpatti, Walkeshwar, and Malabar Hill ...	0	0	7
E Mazagon, Tarwadi, 2nd Nagpada, Kamathipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada ...	1	0	23
F Parel, Sewree and Sion ...	1	1	8
G Mahim and Worli ...	0	0	6
Water Division ...	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown ...	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	1	6
Total ...	9	6	91
Total plague deaths to date ...	134,221		
Same date last year ...	8	6	112

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OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

MARRIAGE.

HODSON—DOWNING—January 2, at St. Peter's Church, Purneah, by the Revd. Father Kneckbeart Clarence Wooldridge-Hodson of Sidcup, Kent, England and Cantal, Midnapur, to Alice Marion Downing, second daughter of C. Y. Downing, Purneah, Bengal.

DEATHS.

EDEN—January 8, at Lucknow, Louisa Marjorie, infant daughter of Brevt.-Major and Mrs A. J. F. Eden, aged 4 months.

LEE—January 1, at Morna, Muzaffarnagar District, from a fall from his horse, Captain John Lee, P. W. D., Irrigation Branch, N. D. G. C., aged 53 years.

MYLNE—At her residence, Waverley Mansions, 72-2, Corporation Street, Emma Malvina, widow of the late George Mylne, in her 71st year.

WELLS—January 12, at 16, London Street, Calcutta, Martyn Wells, Managing Agent of the Calcutta Tramways Co., Ltd., aged 45

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 7h. 15m.; Sun sets, 6h. 22m.: High water, 1-27m., 1-36a; Low water, 7-35m., 7-20i.
Municipal Corporation, 3 p.m. (B. T.).
Bombay Municipal Elections, Nominations for the City Wards, Municipal Office.
Public Entertainment to Mr. Dadabhai Naoroji, Town Hall, 4-30 to 7-30 p.m.
Gaiety Theatre, the London Bioscope.
Skating Rink, Esplanade.

POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Mauritions, Natal, Cape Colony, Delagoa Bay and other places in South Africa per extra s.s. "Bandasrath" will be closed at the General Post Office at 9 a. m. tomorrow the 18th January instead of on the 17th January.

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.—Mr. Khurshedji J. B. Wadia will deliver a series of lectures in the Hall of the Theosophical Society, Hornby Road, Fort, on "The Secret of Suffering and the Path of Peace" at 6-30 p.m. (S. T.), the first being to-day on "The Suffering of Four Great Prophets. They will be continued every Thursday.

COMMERCIAL EDUCATION IN BOMBAY :—We extract the following from the Annual Report of the Hon. Mr. E. Giles, M. A., C. I.E., on public instruction in the Bombay Presidency for the year ending 31st March 1906 :—Commercial education is still in this Presidency a matter of private enterprise. The Department supervises the Examination of the London Chamber of Commerce but expends no funds upon the examination, the expenses of which are defrayed from the fees paid by candidates. The B. J. Parsi Charitable Institution is the only Institution which avowedly affords a Commercial Education. It receives a satisfactory report from Mr. J. G. Covernton. There are also several private institutions in Bombay which give instruction mostly to adult pupils, such as Mr. Mistry's Accountancy Institution, and Mr. Aiyar's Night School of Commerce. A pupil of the latter school has been appointed Lecturer in Accountancy at Calcutta on Rs. 125 per mensem. In Ahmedabad there is one Mercantile School which sent up 13 boys for the Chamber of Commerce Examinations in Book-keeping, Shorthand, Typewriting, etc. In Karachi also a Commercial Class has been started, and the class in the Hiranand Academy at Hyderabad, has been resuscitated, so that there are prospects of the development of this special education in Sind.

CONVERSAZIONE AT GIRGAUM.

LAST evening a conversazione was held by the "Swadeshi Vastu Prachartini Sabha" in honour of Mr. Dadabhai Naoroji in the bungalow of Mr. Tribhovandas Mangaldas Nathubhai at Girgaum. There was a large attendance of gentlemen interested in Swadeshism. Mr. Dadabhai Naoroji arrived at 6 o'clock, and was received by Mr. Tribhovandas Mangaldas, M.N.V. Gokhale, Mr. Settur, Dr. Deshmukh and others, and was conducted to a seat arranged on a raised dais in the upper hall of the building.

Dr. Deshmukh, in welcoming Mr. Dadabhai, on behalf of the Sabha, referred to the various services rendered by the venerable gentleman to India and especially to the cause of Swadeshism, and dwelt upon his self sacrifices in the cause of his country. Mr. Dadabhai had proved himself to be the noblest son of India, and the Sabha wished him long life and excellent health.

Mr. Dadabhai expressed his thanks to the members of the Sabha for giving him an opportunity to meet them, and enable him to renew his acquaintance with his old friends. He was glad to see that the Sabha directed its energies in a practical and useful direction Everybody, who contributed, even a fraction of his mite, towards improving the condition of the people of the country, must earn their blessings, and he was pleased to note that the Sabha was doing its best to encourage Swadeshism and promote the interests of the people of land. Swadeshism was not a newthing or a new article of faith with them. He had elsewhere given his views on Swadeshism and he would not therefore, discourse upon the same subject that evening. He thanked them for the honour they had done him that evening, and he pronounced his benediction upon the work of the Sabha, which he hoped would continue its career of usefulness.

After partaking of the light refreshments and distribution of flowers, the company dispersed, Mr Dadabhai being loudly cheered as he left the bungalow

THE THEATRE.

Bandmann Comedy Company's Farewell.

The Bandmann Comedy Company last night valedictorily stages the "Charleys Aunt" to a record audience the house being so full that people were wandering about the stalls for half an hour after the play commenced in search of stray seats. Everybody knows the simple story of the famous part played by Mr. W. S. Penley in London for many hundreds of nights to crowded houses, and it need not be recapitulated here. It is only necessary to say that as the nimble old lady from Brazil Mrs. Sinclair-Cotter was a second Penley, and that as "her" two would be husbands, Mr. Sydney T. Pease and Mr. Clifford Bown were all that the humour of the piece required. The rest of the company acquitted themselves, in their respective parts quite admirably and when the curtain fell and rose upon the last scene, the audience gazed "an revoir" upon the parting players with a kindly appreciation which more than words could express, told how successful they had been in their appeal to the taste of their patrons. It need scarcely be said that when the Bandmann Comedy Company next appears in Bombay, the artistes will have a cordial welcome.

DEPARTURE OF THE TRANSPORT "REWA."

THE Hired Transport "Rewa," under the command of Captain A. W. Mann, will sail to-day for Southampton, with details consisting of 41 officers, 17 ladies and 21 children ; 5 warrant officers, 4 women and 18 children ; 1,250 non-commissioned officers' men, 60 women and 120 children. The following are the names of the officers :—

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Lt G B Murray, S and T Corps
Lt K Forbes Robertson, Seaford Highs
Lieut J F Farkin, 113th Inft
Lieut A H Cameron, R A
Lt J D Brunker, R G A
Lt R B Shepherd, So Lancs Regt
Lt H M Mildward, S Foresters
Lt J B Aslsopp, So Lancs Regt
Lt P H Bolley, 34th Pioneers
Lt C M Hawes, 20th Inft
Lt Macan, 29th L Cavalry
Lt J C H Halliday, R F A
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2 Lt P Prince, K S L I
2-Lt R D Paxton, So Stafford
2-Lt and Mrs Beamont, So Lanc Regt
Lt D G C Rutherford, R F A
Revd and Mrs L Klugh, Ed Dept
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Wife of Capt W Pye and child 48th Inft
Wife of Major Wildes Combe and 2 children 3th Gurkhas
Wife of Col Williamson, S and T Corps
Wife of Major A Swiney and child R E
Wife of Col G S Hogges and child 113th Inft
Wife of Capt Holland, Devons

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

HIGH COURT.

CHARGE OF DEFAMING A MOULVI.

IN the High Court, yesterday, the Hon. Mr. Justice Batty, and the Hon. Mr. Justice Pratt, disposed of an appeal by Mahomed Yunus Mahomed Casum Kurtar, a clerk in the office of Messrs. Captain and Vaidya, solicitors against his conviction by Mr. P. H. Dastur, Second Presidency Magistrate, on a charge of defaming a Moulvi or religious preceptor of Mahommedans in Bombay, named Kazi Ismail Gulamali Kaberi. He was sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 1,000. The Hon. Mr. Basil Scott, Advocate-General, with Mr. Rustum Wadia and Mr. S. G. Velliakar, pleader, appeared for the complainant, Kazi Moulvi, Mr. R. Branson instructed by Messrs. Captain and Vaidya, appeared for the accused.

In the Magistrate's Court, the accused had been charged with two others Mahomed Ibrahim Sahela, proprietor of the "Guzarat Husen" printing press ; and Abdul Vadood Ahmed, a Hakim. The first mentioned man had printed in his press an Arabic pamphlet which had been written by the latter ; while the accused in the present case was charged with assisting in the publication and the distribution of five thousand copies of it broadcast, gratis. The Magistrate fined the printer Rs. 200, the writer Abdool Vadood was sentenced to one month's simple imprisonment, and to a fine of Rs. 1,000 ; while the accused concerned in this appeal was fined Rs. 1,000. Abdool Vadood's appeal had been disposed of by the High Court a few days ago, when the sentence of imprisonment was set aside and the amount of fine was reduced to rupees, Rs. 600. In the present appeal, the accused Kurtar stated, that, although his name appeared on the pamphlet, he was not its publisher ; he did not take the part in its distributions attributed to him erroneously. Mr. Branson submitted to their Lordship's that the accused had protested against the mixing up of his name in the publication of the pamphlet, which was entitled 'Al Hak al Huk ayum Taba ; it was used without any authority. The evidence as to his having taken part in its distribution was most unsatisfactory consisting, as it did, of witnesses belonging to the Khalasee and Kitseller-tin-man and tailor class, a class both ignorant and illiterate.

In reply, the Advocate-General said there was no need at all of the ferocious fulminations launched against the witnesses of the tinman and tailor class; for, according to the evidence, they had read what was written in the pamphlet. As regarded the circulation, accused had taken an active part in disseminating and diffusing the objectionable writing among all classes of Mahomedans in the Bazar. The Magistrate, who was a judicial officer of great experience, and therefore, a better Judge of appreciating the facts, and of according credibility to the statements of witnesses, had arrived at the conclusion of the accused's being guilty of the offence, after having carefully weighed all the points bearing on his case. Their Lordships might, therefore, uphold the conviction.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Batty pronounced the judgment of the Appeal Court. The learned Judge said that the case presented to the Magistrate about the accused was different in aspect than it was in appeal. There he had been charged as a publisher, which was ultimately negatived. As to the distribution a somewhat belated batch of witnesses were called to depose the defence prepared to it, showed that the accused was absent from Bombay at the time. This was rendered unnecessary by the prosecution stating that they would not attempt to prove any distribution prior to 26th May. The evidence of Mr. Captain of the firm of solicitors employed by the accused showed that very shortly after his return to Bombay the accused protected against the mixing up of his name with the publication of the pamphlet ; in these circumstances it appeared almost incredible that the accused should have been charged with the publication or distribution of the pamphlet. The Judges were not impressed by the witnesses for the prosecution, whose evidence was open to grave suspicion, There was a great improbability of readers being selected from the class of persons, who had been brought forward as witnesses : they belonged to an illiterate class. The Appeal Court would not be justified in accepting their evidence is trustworthy in the question of the alleged distribution of the pamphlet by the accused. The Courts set aside accused's conviction and ordered his fine to be refunded.

INSOLVENT DEBTORS' COURT.

THE Hon. Mr. Justice Russell presided at a sitting of the Court yesterday.

RE MAHOMED AHMED LADAK.

Mr. Jardine, instructed by Messrs. Tyabji Dayabhoy and Co., appeared for the insolvent and applied for the usual interim order and leave to amend the schedule. Mr. Inverarity instructed by Messrs. Payne and Co., for a creditor, opposed the application, saying the insolvent had obtained goods from different merchants three days before the filing of the schedule. His lordship refused the application.

RE UTAMCHAED BALCHAND.

Mr. Manker, for the insolvent, applied for an interim order.

Mr. Ardasir Kapadia, in opposing the application, said that the insolvent was entrusted with the sale of certain shares, the proceeds of which he appropriated to his own use.

Mr. Manker said the insolvent had paid the sale proceeds of the shares to the creditors who lent the money at interest.

His Lordship : Was the deposit paid back ?

Mr. Manker said that the creditor had filed a suit for the recovery of the amount ; and the insolvent expressed his willingness to pay the amount by instalments.

His lordship refused the application for an interim order.

RE DADABHOY JIVANJEE CONTRACTOR.

Mr. Ardasir Kapadia, for the insolvent, applied for and obtained two months' extension of the interim order

RE SAIYED MAHOMED AND ANOTHER.

Mr. F. B. Motiwalla. for the insolvents, applied for an extension of the interim order. Mr. Ardasir Kapadia, for a creditor, opposed the application saying the insolvents had four months' extension of the interim order and only four creditors to serve, but had not secured a single notice. Mr. Motiwalla said that the insolvents were in pecuniary difficulties. His lordship refused the application.

RE FARDUNJEE HORMUSJEE.

On the application of Mr. Manker, the insolvent was granted two months' extension of the interim order.

RE GAJANAND SHANTARAM.

Mr. Manker, for the insolvent, applied for and obtained two months' extension of the interim order.

RE C. LISTOL.

Mr Manker, for the insolvent, applied for leave to serve notices to the creditors. His lordship granted the application.

DISCHARGES.

THE following insolvents were granted discharges:—Gangaram Babajee Avask ; Sukhlal Tricum Gavli ; Haji Jamal Memon ; Moreshwar Pandurang ; Venkati Gaurappa ; Ibrahim Haji Khoja : Hasam Kanjee Dakhani and others ; Luxmon Binda Pardeshi ; Anandjee Raghavjee Taucker ; Rahiman Ibrahim Pezarkhan ; Vithal Bhivrao Kalsekar ; John Mathew Batao D Silva and another.

DISTRICT MAGISTRATE'S ORDER SET ASIDE.

THE Hon. Mr. Justice Batty, and the Hon. Mr. Justice Pratt, disposed off in the Bombay High Court, yesterday, of a petition of Ronji Hari Yelgaonkar and four others, against an order of Mr. Arthur, District Magistrate of Sattara, directing Mr. Otto Rothfeld, his Subordinate Magistrate, to have the petitioners rearrested, and committed to the Sattara Sessions Court for trial, on a charge of forging the will of Krishnarao R. Garvalle, who died on 23rd October 1905, possessed of extensive property in land and valuables. Mr. R. Branson, instructed by Mr. G. K. Dandekar, appeared for the petitioners. The Hon. Mr. B. Scott, Advocate General, instructed by Mr. P. N. Bhajeker, appeared for the opponent, Krishnaji G. Chivte, who was the complainant in the criminal proceedings before Mr. Rothfeld. That Magistrate being satisfied that no "prima facie" case had been made out and adjudging the evidence for the posecution to have been exaggerated considerably, and therefore, unreliable in the extreme, declined to commit the accused for trial, and discharged them. On being applied to by Chivte, Mr. Arthur sent for the records, and thinking it to be a charge triable by the Sessions Court, directed the re-arresting of the accused, and their committal to the Sesssons for trial. Against this order the petitioners appealed to the High Court. The learned Judges were of opinion that the Subordinate Magistrate was justified in declining to be satisfied in the grounds alleged as sufficient for a committal : on the evidence before him, he could not be expected to send up the case for trial. Mr. Arthur's order for the re-arrest and the committal of the accused was set aside, without in any way precluding him from taking such further action as might appear necessary to him, on further evidence becoming available,

POSSESSION OF LAND.

Suit Against the Secretary of State.

Their Lordships the Hon'ble Sir Lawrence Jenkins Chief Justice and the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Khuregbat disposed of in second appeal the suit instituted by Banechand and three other minors represented by their guardian uncle Punamchand against respondents Dhondi V. K. Bhosle, and the Secretary of State for India in Council, for recovering possession of a field, survey No. 82 situated in Wakl Budruk, and also the mesne profits of Rs. 198 for 3 years. Mr. S. R. Bakhle appeared for the appellants, the first respondent being represented by Mr. R. R. Desai and the second by the Hon'ble the Advocate-General with the Government pleader.

The original suit was decided by the Subordinate Judge of Pimpalgaon who passed a decree in favour of the appellant. In appeal, the First Class Subordinate Judge, A. P., at Nasik, Mr. C. D. Kavishwar set aside the decree of the Court of the first instance and rejected the claim of the appellant, with all costs on him. It appears that the land sued for was mortgaged by the 1st respondent to the appellant and then it was taken for cultivation by the former passing a Kabulayat to the latter. Between the mortgagor and the mortgagee, the latter was to pay assessment ; neither of the parties paid the assessment though notice was served on each by the Revenue authorities, and consequently the Collector ordered the land to be forfeited for arrears of land revenue.

The land was forfeited and taken possession of by Government and it was again let to the 1st respondent on his paying the assessment for the previous year. Thus the land was let to him under fresh contract. Government has not returned the land to him unconditionally on his paying assessment for 2 years. Thus the appellants mortgage right is extinguished and consequently he has no right to obtain possession of the land.

The case coming on for appeal Their Lordships the Chief Justice and Justice Batty remanded it fo findings on the following issues.

(I) Has the respondent No. 1 by availing himself of his position as Khatoder gained an advantage in derrogation of the rights of the appellant or otherwise by his conduct, created an equity in favour of the appellant.

(2) If so, is Appellant entitled to any and what relief, These findings were answered in the negative by the District Judge, Nasik. Their Lordships after hearing both counsels confirmed the decree of the Lower Appellate Court with costs.

POLICE COURT.

TRAMWAY FRAUDS CASE.

Trial of Perrett.

ON Tuesday, at the Esplanade Police Court, before Mr. A. H. S. Aston, Acting Chief Presidency Magistrate, further hearing was resumed of the case in which Superintendent Sloane and Inspector Sullivan of the Criminal Investigation Department, charged Thomas William Perrett, lately Assistant Superintendent in the employ of Messrs. J. G. White and Company, contractors for the work of re-laying the Tramway Track in Bombay, with abetment of criminal breach of trust in respect of three sums of money, to wit, Rs. 3,651-8, Rs. 5,701 and Rs. 6,615.

Mr. Weldon, barrister-at-law, instructed by Mr. Dunlop of Messrs. Crawford, Brown and Co., Solicitors, appeared for Mr. James Walker, who represented Messrs. J. G. White and Co. ; Mr. Rustom D. N. Wadia, barrister-at-law, with Mr. Velinkar and Mr. J. F. Vicaji, pleaders, instructed by Messrs. Khanderao, Laud and Mehta, Solicitors, defended the accused. Mr. Lang, barrister-at-law, watched the proceedings on behalf of the Tramway Company and Mr. Chunilal H. Setalvad, barrister-at-law, on behalf of Reginald Tyler and C. Hannabuss.

Mr. C. H. Hannaquss, further cross chamined by Mr. Wadia, said it was the duty of the accused to see through the sectional officers that the materials were supplied and to see that they got chits. Witness was not in a position to deny that the accused received chits for the materials supplied. Supposing the sectional officers combined with the contractors to defraud the Company and handed fabricated chits to the accused, the latter would have no opportunity of finding it out. The only thing which the accused could have done with regard to the quantity of material supplied was to check the bills with the chits and to see that they corresponded with one another. He could also have checked his accounts by measuring the materials. Chits should have been supplied to the office every week, as the bills were paid every week. When the bills were presented most of the material would be under ground. It was the duty of the sectional officers to see what material was delivered and to produce the chits. It was their duty in the first instance to see that the chits corresponded with the materials supplied. There was a very large number of chits. Mr. Macroski did not charge witness with being a party to the fraud. He asked witness for no explanation with regard to accounts. He asked only Mr. Tyler in witness's presence. Witness had no conversation with Mr. Macroski with regard to the alleged fraud. Witness did not tell him that Mr. Defolz and the sectional officers were responsible for the materials. It was not witness's duty to check the materials. He could not say whether it was Mr. Tyler's duty. Mr. Tyler has delegated his duties to the accused. In the first instance it was Mr. Tyler's duty. Mr. Tyler was supervising the work outside. Daily, weekly an l monthly reports were sent by the sectional officers to the office. They related to labour items only. The reports did not come to witness, but to the accused and Mr. Defolz. Mr. Tyler would see them in the ordinary course. Mr. Tyler used to make his reports himself and sent them home. He did not prepare them from the reports of the sectional officers. It was Mr. Tyler's duty to send home actual figures of the total cost every month, but he omitted to do so for two or three months. He made his final report when the work was finished. He omitted to send reports in April and May. Witness did not know that the accused wanted to resign in April last. He did not know that he actually sent in his resignation in May. Witness kept a distribution journal in the office. It contained the cost incurred and paid through the office each month. The book was kept with the object of keeping a check on the cost incurred from time to time. Mr. Tyler used to see the book occasionally. Witness had three clerks, but it was not their duty to check bills. There was a rule of the office that all orders for materials were to be in a book on printed forms with counterfoils signed by Mr. Tyler. There was such a practice in England but under altered conditions it was not followed in Bombay. Witness never informed the accused as to the amounts paid from week to week to any of the contractors. The accused had the means of knowing the toal cost of the work from time to time as he saw the bills before they came to witness. The accused could have looked at the book at nay time he chose. But witness did not think he looked at the books. When the accused left the service they did not go through my accounts.

Mr. Pestonji D. Maheluxmiwalla, assistant to the managing director of the Bombay Tramway Company, produced an agreement entered into by the Company with Teju Kaya for the supply of material. Teju Kaya supplied 3962 brass of material. In addition to that Gibbons and Co. supplied 182 brass of small metal,

Mr. Reginald Tyler examined by Mr. Dunlop, said he came to Bombay on the 5th January 1906. The first thing he then did was to look for the stores and godowns, and superintend the delivery of materials coming from different parts of the world. His duties as construction superintendant in Bombay were to generally supervise the work and engage supervisers and assistants. He was entrusted Magistrate of Sattara, directing Mr. Otto Rothfeld, his with the banking account at the Chartered Bank of Messrs. J. G. White and Co. When funds were required he used to requisition monthly from London. He operated on the firm's account. When the materials were supplied by the contractors they were to be checked by the accused, who had to certify to the correct quantity of the material delivered and to initial the bills certifying them to be correct. Witness selected the accused about the end of February. At that time they were working only in one place, viz, near the Wellington Fountain. Much work was not done then. The work was actually commenced on the 22nd or 23rd February, When witness selected the accused, the latter said he had been an engineer on railway work in England under Perry and Co., London South West Railway Bournemouth Corporation, Public Works of India, and the Improvement Trust. Witness told the accused what his duties could be. He was to superintend all the outside work, to order material when required, to order carts necessary to carry out the work, to see that each cartman was supplied with a form that was used by daily cartmen and to see that the sectional officers had those forms filled up &c., The accused was responsible for the quantity of materials as witness had handed over that department to him. The accused arranged for the supply of materials by contractors. Witness was not conversant with the language of the country. The accused spoke two or three languages very well. Mr. Hanabuss' duty were the general routine of the contractor's office—to check extensions of the bills, and to send in and keep all the account books. Witness was shown the three bills in respect of which the accused was charged. He said he drew cheques on seeing the accused's initials in the bills in the corner. He took this as a guarantee that they were correct. Before witness got those bills he never heard of the contractor Mahomed Khan Chandkhan. He had no reason to believe that the materials mentioned in the bills were supplied by any other the one mentioned in them. He would not have signed the cheques if Mahomed Khan had said that he had not supplied those materials.

Further hearing of the case was adjourned till to-day.

A CASE OF GRIEVOUS HURT.

MR. P. H. DASTUR, Second Presidency Magistrate, at the Mazagon Police Court, disposed of a case in which Badhe Rangari and four others were charged under section 325 of the I. P. Code, with causing grievous hurt to one Khialiram Malkand, some time in November last. The fact of the case have already been reported. The complainant was so grievously assaulted by the accused, all Hindus, that at one time his life was in a precarious condition and his dying deposition had to be taken. However, he recovered from that dangerous condition, though his sight was partially impaired. Mr. Khalil, barrister-at-Law, with Mr. Boyce, pleader, appeared for the complainant, while Mr. Kaji and, Tyaballi, barrister-at-Law, with Mr. Kotwall, pleader defended the accused. The accused, in their defence, tried to prove the *alibi*.

His Worship, in delivering his judgment in the case, reviewed at great length the evidence of the witnesses, both for the complainant and the defendants. His Worship could not disbelieve the positive evidence of each of the prosecution witnesses, that the accused before the Court were concerned in the "Maramari." On the whole, therefore, it was established to the Court's satisfaction that all the five accused took part in the assault and they had caused grievous hurt to the complainant. In the Court's opinion they were guilty of the offence. His Worship ordered each of the accused to suffer four months' rigorous imprisonment and ordered Nos. 1 and 2 to pay a fine of Rs. 30 and the rest to pay a fine of Rs. 10 each. Out of the fine, the complainant was awarded Rs. 50 as compensation, whose injuries were very severe and whose vision was slightly impaired.

HIGH COURT.—JAN. 17.

(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice RUSSELL.)

Long Causes.

611-05—Mirza and M—Haji Noor Mahomed Cassum vs N C Macleod—navilla and P
129-06—Tyabji D and Co—Vallubhdas Khanji vs Cullisey Jairam and others—Dikshit D and S
644-02—Little and Co—Thomas Joseph Strangman vs Luckmidas Harilel and others—Chitnee and M
154-04—Tyabji D and Co—Sirdhana Gopinath vs Pragnaram Shankerperaad and another—

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THE GERMAN ELECTIONS.

ALL the German political parties are now engaged in furious electoral drum-beating. Great confusion is the result, rendering it impossible to predict with any degree of certainty the verdict of the country. Even, however, should that be given in a sense adverse to the views of the Kaiser and his Chancellor, it has to be remembered that Germany is not a constitutional country in which the existence of the Government is staked upon the result of a general election and that, should the latter be regarded as unsatisfactory by the Government, there is nothing to prevent it from again dissolving Parliament. There is only one Imperial Minister, the Imperial Chancellor, but that permanent governing factors are the Emperor and the Federal Council, whereas th Reichstag, the third factor, can always be dissolved if it does not agree with the other two. It seems pretty certain that scarcely anybody in Germany believes that the proposal of the Centre, adopted by the Reichstag, to curtail the vote for South-West Africa by £450,000 was the real cause of the dissolution which as the organs of the Centre party put it, was either a hasty ill-considered measure, or based upon insufficient information from the colony. In support of the latter view the Centrists point that the news just received of the complete surrender of the Bondelzwarts tribe received a few days ago from South-West Africa, declaring that it affords ample justification of their proposal to reduce the colonial vote. The surrender of the Bondelzwart tribe and Hottentots, the originators of the rising and the staunchest fighters, would really appear to mark the end of the war, and the reduction of the German forces would no longer be dangerous. No longer can the Government raise the khaki issue, and in that was its only hope of securing a tractable Reichstag, and the opinion of competent observers now is that the Social Democrats will secure many new seats, that the Catholic Centre Party is unshakeable and that Prince von Bulow will resign when he has to face a Reichstag far more rebellious than the last. The meat famine, the Colonial atrocities, even the history of the police persecution of the Captain of Koepenick, the unsatisfactory course of German foreign policy, and dislike of the Emperor's impetuous outbursts will all militate against the success of the candidates of those parties on which the Government is wont to rely. This now is made much of in certain influential journals.

One paper voices the prevailing impression in vivacious terms. It says German prestige is vanished. There is a universal belief that "the sun of the Chancellor is setting. Complaints are rife concerning personal government, mistakes of our diplomacy and the isolation of Germany. Pamphlets and articles are being directed against the Emperor and ridicule is being cast upon the Chancellor. The nation demands a more liberal government," and it asks, "Is Imperial Germany to be last stronghold of reaction?" The advisers of the Emperor are represented as asking His Majesty to reflect that the Centre party is becoming Democratic with alarming rapidity, while the Conservative elements are being thrust into the background. Their aims are no longer those of the Conservatives and the latter can no longer march with them. The Clerical Centre represents 20,000 Catholics out of the total population of 56,000,000 and prevent the German Empire from taking its proper place in the vanguard of progress. In this connection the Government is reproached with undue subservience to the Centre in the past. It must be observed, however, that even the formation of a workable coalition of Conservatives, National Liberals, and Radicals—of which there seems to be small chance at present—would afford no guarantee of the policy of the Government being more liberal than it was regarding the anti-liberal measures supported by the National Liberals. At present the state of affairs is rather chaotic as in many constituencies Radicals are opposing National Liberals and Conservatives and reckoning upon the support of the Social Democrats.

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

THE late Sir James Fergusson, who has met so tragic an end in the earthquake at Kingston, Jamaica, was only seventy-four years of age, but he was old enough to remember having accompanied his mother in her trips about the streets of Edinburgh in her Sedan chair. Edinburgh, in those days, was still the fashionable meeting place of the north, and the Scottish aristocracy had their town houses in Edinburgh, just as the Irish nobles clung to Merrion Square, Dublin, and the lords of the West Country to Exeter. Walking on a terrace five miles from Edinburgh at six years old, Sir James heard the guns of the Castle firing, and his mother told him they were for the accession of the young Queen Victoria. At eight, Sir James came to London for the first time with his father and mother in July, 1840, to be put to school at Cheam, and was shown the sights of the town. They made the journey in a steamer from Granton. They went to Harrow, and the boy made out his father's name cut on the panels of the old school, and heard his recollections of Byron. The boy also saw the new houses of Parliament in building, the walls but a yard or two above the ground in which he was destined to live off and on during half a century. For his first Christmas holidays Sir James was taken in a post-chaise to London, by train as far as Lancaster, which took from 9 a. m. to 6 p.m. then by mail and coach to Kilmarnock in Ayrshire—a journey of which the cold is well-remembered. Next year the school went one day to Sutton and lined the road to see the Queen and Prince Albert pass in an open carriage with four postherses on their way from Brighton to London. In 1845 Sir James went to Rugby and was placed in a form in which at first he sat beside Mr. Gosahen and the late Lord Shaftesbury. Goschen soon went ahead of all his school chums, as he did later on at Oxford. Dr. Tait, afterwards Dean of Calisle, Bishop of London, and Archbishop of Canterbury, was then Head Master. At seventeen years of age Sir James succeeded his father in the baronetcy. He went to Oxford but left in 1851, on receiving a Commission in the Grenadier Guards. In February, 1854, when on foreign leave in Italy, he was recalled by telegraph, and found himself drafted into the 3rd service battalion. He had made the best speed possible home, posting from Florence to Padua, then to Venice, steamer to Trieste, posting to Leibach, rail to Vienna (where he dined with the British Ambassador, Lord Westmorland), on by Berlin and Cologne (a little north of which the train was run into and smashed on a snowy night), arriving to London early in the morning, after seven days travelling. He had just time to get into uniform and join his new battalion to be inspected with the 1st Coldstreams in Wellington Barracks by Prince Albert.

After six weeks at Malta, six at Scutari, and three months in Bulgaria, where they had many sad losses from Asiatic cholera, the regiment sailed from Varna in the grand procession of the allied fleets to the Crimea, and they took part in the campaign and the long winter siege, in which the brigade of Guards suffered heavily. Though it had been heavily reinforced after Inkerman, by the end of February it only mustered about 300 all told, fit for duty, and those very gaunt. During his service in the Crimea Sir James' old friend, Col. Hunter Blair, who was both his Colleague and M. P. in Scotland, died of his wounds and Sir James was elected in his stead. He could not, of course, return to England, as they had barely an officer for each company left, but in the following summer, being transferred to a home battalion, he took his seat at the age of twenty-three. Lord Palmerston was Premier, popular, ready, witty, debonair; Lord John Russell, experienced *ruse*, influential; Sir James Graham, a man of stately presence, a most graceful and weighty speaker; Disraeli, not yet attained to public confidence nor receiving the undivided support of his party, but eloquent, quick of fence, and never daunted. Sir James always admired and treated with respect Lord John Russell and Cobden; Gladstone and other Peelites aloof and smarting from the defeat of the coalition Government; Sidney Herbert, handsome and earnest; Cornwal Lewis weighty and respected but a very dull speaker; Roebuck, a sickly figure, incisive in speech, with a tongue full of gall; Bright and Cobden, Lord Robert Cecil and Cairns fast making their reputations; Horsman, Augustus Stafford, Bernal Osborne; Tommy Duncombe, a dandy, witty Radical, devoted to Palmerston; George Cavendish Bentinck ("Big Ben"), always gibing Disraeli from below the gangway and cursing "that Jew" Sir W. Jolliffe and Colonel Taylor, the whips, and Hayter, the astute Patronage Secretary. It was said that the strength of the Government party lay in their Agent, who, being asked what was the best sort of candidate for a borough, said: "A low church lord of loose principles; and the Irish party, nick-named "the Pope's Brass Band" with some brilliant speakers such as Moore and Maguire. Of all the great men who were Sir James' contemporaries then only as many as can be counted on the fingers of one hand are left. The most notable of them, and the only one we can think of now, is the Duke of Devonshire, then Mr. Cavendish, a young Under Secretary of State for War.

THE DRAMA IN BOMBAY.

The recent dramatic season in Bombay, at all events as regards the more serious fare presented, must be acknowledged a very fair success. Several new plays—two of which, still running, are nearing their anniversary in London—have been put on and a selection of old favourites have filled the programme. Indian exigencies compel, what we think is somewhat of a mistake, the production of a fresh play every night; though the two successes of the past dramatic year, "Raffles" and "His House in Order" were repeated—the one by special request and the former on account of the illness of the actress who was to have played 'Mercia' in the "Sign of the Cross." A good deal of disappointment was caused by the non-performance of Mr. Barrie's delightful fantasy, "The Admirable Crichton," and no good reason assigned for the substitution of another play—which seems rather a pity, as the piece produced in its stead was neither new nor, from an artistic point of view, particularly worthy. Taken on the whole, the Bandmann Comedy Company achieved the greatest success in "Raffles," "His House in Order,"—All-of-a-sudden Peggy" and "Leah Kleschna; although the last named play was thought too serious for Bombay audiences. No one can doubt its interest or the excellence of the moral it contains, but even in London with such famous artists, as Miss Lena Ashwell, Mr. Leonard Boyne and Mr. Herbert Waring in the principal parts, it was a trifle tedious. To our mind the theme would be far more enjoyably treated in book than in play form, "Raffles" is a fine dramatic drawing-room melodrama of the type made popular by Mr. William Gillette as Sherlock Holmes" and "Secret Service." Light and shade are well blended and the interest is fully sustained—qualities which are bound to make for the public's approbation. Of the lighter plays, "Our Flat" was successful—only so far as the second act was concerned: a rough and tumble comedy scene which was bound to please any but the most superior minded of mortals. A great deal of the humour was, owing to Mr. H. Sinclair Cotter, a comedian of no small merit whose performances throughout the season were marked by a firmness of touch and an admirable conception of character drawing. Mr. Cotter is a young man who should achieve high things in his profession.

"The man from Blankley's"—revived last year at the Haymarket, with Mr. Charles Hawtrey in the leading role—was not good. Miss Forsythe, the governess and heroine, Margorie Seaton, of the play, would be well advised to cultivate more variety in her intonation: light comedy acting depends more upon subtleties of voice inflection and delicacy of touch than the traditional stage declamation, and this was conspicuously absent in the general treatment of the lines in "The Man from Blankley's." Mr. Clifford Brown as "Gabriel Gilwattle" and Mr. Cotter as the self-inflated, mean spirited "Montague Tidmarsh" scored chief honours in the representation given. A good meed of praise should be extended to Mr. Claude King and Miss Florence Hamer, as the leading lady and gentleman of the Company. We have no hesitation in affirming that their choice was well placed. Miss Hamer's acting, especially as the persecuted thief "Leah Kleschna" was of a distinctly high order, and indeed in all the characters she protrayed she gave good all round and—what is more rare—intellectually observant performances. Mr. Claude King, save for a slightly artificial mannerism, emanating, we fancy, from too great an admiration of the style of Mr. George Alexander, has a most pleasing personality, and most of the essentials which are considered inseparable from a good leading man. The roles of a romantic hero such as "Marcus" in the "Sign of the Cross" and "Raffles" fits him better, in our opinion, than those afforded by the principal parts in the lighter plays. Whilst mentioning the "Sign of the Cross," we would remark, without casting any reflection upon the actors concerned—who undoubtedly did their best to give sincerity to the performance—that unless certain scenes, with the sacred atmosphere greatly in evidence and which depend upon the presence of "supers," are extremely well rehearsed their depiction becomes, to say the least, unpleasant. On Monday evening last this unpleasantness was considerably enhanced by the rowdyism of a certain portion of the audience. We would suggest that if a repetition of the play is given at any future time, the auxiliaries should be dispensed with and only the principal characters concerned appear in these scenes. We understand that the Opera Company will be returning to Bombay in a few weeks' time, when, no doubt, the artists will have settled more into their parts, and be able to do greater justice to the musical comedies presented than was the case during their previous visit.

AFFAIRS IN RUSSIA.

A few weeks ago there were signs of improvement in the state of Russia's affairs which led the friends of that country to hope that the clouds were lifting at last. This computation has unfortunately been short-lived, for Terrorism has become more rampant than ever. The leaders of the Socialist revolutionary party have just formally revoked their decision to abstain from acts of terrorism during the elections. By an overwhelming majority they have resolved to pursue their campaign of 'removal' and intimidation as the only effective weapon against an iniquitous regime. At Lodz, in view of the lock out announced by the principal factories the Socialists threaten to organise strict fighting and compel citizens under menace of death to feed and lodge unemployed workmen and especially the women dependent upon them. There have been a large number of assassinations, bomb-outrages, and robberies from banks and railway stations during the last fortnight, the most notable victim being Count Alexis Ignatieff, brother of the well-known diplomatist, born in 1842, whose career in the army and the higher administration was a brilliant one. He was an utter Conservative and regarded as the leader of the reactionary party at Court, The Count was assassinated in the Nobles' Assembly-room at Tver when the provincial Zemstvo, of which he was a member, was holding its session, by a young student named Fedler. Between February 1905 and November 1906 the number of persons killed or dangerously wounded by the Terrorists by dagger, revolver or bomb reached the appalling total of 34,443. This includes officials of every class: military officers, soldiers, clergymen, landowners, bankers, manufacturers, peasants workmen, etc. Another disheartening feature of the situation is the isolation in which not the reactionaries but Liberals also, persist in placing M. Stolypin, the Premier, notwithstanding his proclaimed and sincere intention of carrying out a policy of real though moderate and gradual reform. From the reactionaries who combat any reform whatever, nothing but opposition was of course to be expected, but it is a suicidal policy on the part of the Liberals. They cannot however accept the Premier's views that Russia is not yet ready for responsible Government though it is entitled to enjoy constitutional Government.

MOROCCO.

THE career of Raisuli, cattle-thief, kidnapper, brigand and officer of the Moorish Gul, appears to be approaching its close, partly, and with a certain poetic justice, through the agency of Mr. Harris, the *Times* correspondent at Tangier, once the unwilling captive of Raisuli. The Moorish Army, led by El Guebbas, the Sultan's War Minister, reached Tangier a fortnight ago, its avowed purpose being to put an end to Raisuli's power. But the latter, surrounded by tribes loyal to him, refused to allow the entrance of Sultan's army into a certain territory which he regards as his own. So the Moorish army sat still and did nothing, while Raisuli's outposts sat and watched it. The deadlock appears to be solved through Mr. Harris, who telegraphed to his journal that he had brought the War Minister and the tribes on the borders of Raisuli's jurisdiction into communication with excellent results. "I accompanied the deputation (of chief men of the neighbouring villages) to the Minister's State tent," Mr Harris telegraphs, "where he announced to them the Sultan's order depriving Raisuli of his jurisdiction and nominating in his place the present Basha of Tangier. The meeting between the Minister and tribesmen was very cordial and the latter made no secret of their content at being rid of Raisuli and his exactions and took the oath of allegiance to the Sultan and obedience to the new Governor, who was present. The Fahsia tribe we soon collect to hear the public reading of the Sultan's letter deposing Raisuli. The Maghzan is thus withdrawing Raisuli's supporters and there is little doubt that his prestige has already received a crushing blow. But at to-day's meeting the Minister of War has been unable to open up any communication with Raisuli's tribesmen."

THE POSTMEN'S GRIEVANCES.

THE Postal Strike of August last is almost forgotten by the public, but it is recalled by the fact that the questions, then raised by the postmen, have received final and sympathetic consideration. The grievances are of several kinds, but the chief was alleged inadequacy of pay. The subject, we understand, was again officially raised on Sunday last when the men's deputation was received by the Presidency Postmaster and told that the scale of pay has now been fixed at Rs. 15, Rs. 17, Rs. 20, Rs, 25 and Rs. 30. The men have clearly expressed themselves that, under these conditions, they have, now, no cause for dissatisfaction and probably recognise that their action in going out on a futile strike has done their cause little good. Stern measures were taken at the time to deal with the situation and it was only on the acceptance of these measures that consent was given to consider the grievances. The Post Office is to be congratulated on the action it took then and also for the action it has now taken in removing what clearly was a matter for complaint by the men.

THE P. and O. Company's s. s. "Simla," left Hong-Kong for Bombay at 1 p. m., on Saturday the 12th instant.

THE Telegraph Department informs us that the delay to deferred traffic to Burma has ended and that the conditions are normal.

THE imports of gold and silver into India from 1st January to 30th November last, amounted to Rs. 30,30,02,683, and the exports amounted to just under 4 3/4 crores, the net imports being just over 25½ crores of rupees.

WE much regret to record the death, at Chepauk Madras, after a very long illness, of the wife of Brevet-Colonel H. D. Love, R. E., Principal of the College of Engineering. The prayers of the congregation were offered on behalf of the deceased lady at St. George's Cathedral, of which Colonel Love is a Lady Trustee.

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OUR SERIAL STORY.

THE CROOKED WAY,

BY

WILLIAM LE QUEUX,

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SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS CHAPTERS.

CHAPTERS I. & II.—The opening scene is at the Savoy. Roy Royston is dining with Mr. Arthur Inwood and his wife, Helene. Royston's financial affairs are hopelessly involved, and the only solution he can see is suicide. His friend Inwood, however, dissuades him from the rash deed, and lends him £10,000. Roy had known and loved Helene before she had married Inwood. He is no longer jealous, but he has something to tell Helene—some news which she will be glad to hear. He has no opportunity of telling her during dinner and even when Inwood is called away, his wife accompanies him home. Later that night Royston decides to see Mrs. Inwood and deliver his message at all costs. He knocks at the window of Inwood's house, and Helene herself admits him. Her first surprise over, she is eagerly awaiting his news when she hears her husband's latchkey in the door, and her face blanches.

CHAPTERS III. and IV.—Mrs. Inwood begs Roy to conceal himself, and he does so in the back area. After a time, becoming impatient he tries to escape through the house. Knowing that Inwood has an electric alarm fitted on the door, he makes his way out by the window, only to find himself in the grip of a policeman. Royston tries to explain his suspicious actions but fails to convince the constable. On their way to the police-station they encounter Arthur Inwood, and return with him to the house. The policeman states the charge against Roy, and when the latter admits its truth, his quondam friend denounces him for the theft of the ten thousand pounds in notes which he himself had given to Royston. Going into another room Inwood raises a cry of "murder," and the other two enter to find Mrs. Inwood done to death. A dagger which Roy recognises lies near her. The enraged husband charges Royston with the double crime of robbery and murder.

CHAPTER V.—FOR FREEDOM.

The house in Cumberland Terrace was in a turmoil. The servants had quickly answered the summons of the bell, and were all of them bustling about doing nothing, as is generally the case on such occasions. The butler, in a half-clad condition, had dashed off in search of a doctor, but the females were either in hysterics or incapacitated by horror or fear.

Among the excited, agitated group, Roy was the only one who was calm. Even the policeman showed symptoms of nerves. It was his first big case, and it meant something to him. But had it been possible to have read what was passing through the mind of the man against whom the hand of Fate seemed turned with such relentless virulence, his outward calmness would have been a matter of even greater wonder.

He had gone through much that day, and he was mentally more or less unfitted for the strain. His financial position had been causing him terrible anxiety for some time; then the determination to put an end to everything had not been arrived at without a great struggle, and he had, in a measure, to force himself to accept Inwood's invitation to the Savoy, where he should bid a final "good-bye" to his friends. On top of these came the sudden release from his difficulties by Inwood's loan, for even unexpected happiness must affect the nerves; then the sudden determination to take advantage of his friend's absence from home to have a secret interview with Helene, which interview had culminated in his arrest on a charge of robbery and, eventually, of that of murder.

Heaven knew this had been enough to try any man. But there was yet something beyond, something to which all he had previously gone through was as nothing; and that was the near glance he had caught of the handle of the weapon when he had knelt down beside his former friend.

His efforts during the past to hide from the world what was gnawing his mind were as child's play to what was now demanded of him. But he had hitherto played his part successfully, and he was not now going to fail.

And so he stood there, outwardly the calmest and most self-possessed among all that excited group, while within, his brain was working and scheming as it had never done before.

Suddenly he was recalled to himself by his captor saying to Inwood:

"And now, sir, I think I'll take this man to the station and have him safe. I'll bring back the Inspector with me. He ought to be here at once."

"Yes, do so, constable. Do your duty," replied Inwood, without a glance at Roy. Indeed, it seemed as though he now kept his eyes purposely averted from him.

"Come along," said the policeman to Roy, once more getting a grip on him. But the action now drew no protest from the prisoner, who, with a last lingering look at the fair face of the dead woman, turned and left the room in the custody of the officer.

Silently they passed the two or three weeping women lingering in the hall, and through the door that one of them opened for them into the darkness of the night.

During those few short steps the expression of Roy's face had strangely altered, and had the constable observed it, it might have put him on his guard.

But his mind was busy with the thoughts of eventual promotion, when with the suddenness of a thunder-bolt he received a sharp stunning blow beneath the ear, which deprived him of sight, hearing and sense, and laid him a flaccid mass of human inertia upon the pavement.

When in a few minutes his senses returned sufficiently to allow of his using his whistle, he found himself alone. His prisoner had disappeared as completely as though the earth had behaved as in the case of the rebellious priest, Korah, in the wilderness of old. And with his captive had vanished his dreams of promotion, usurped by thoughts of degradation and disgrace.

The police, to their credit, be it said, are never backward in coming to the assistance of a comrade and almost sooner than it takes to tell, the scene outside the house was as full of excitement as that taking place within.

That peculiar whistle which many a dweller in London has heard breaking the silence of the dim small hours had done its work. Three or four members of the "S" division came running up from various directions, and having gathered from their comrade, as clearly as the half-stunned condition of his senses would allow, what had happened, started off again to endeavour to wipe out the slur that had been brought upon the force by the want of foresight of their mate.

In the meantime what had become of Roy?

From the moment his eyes had fallen on the handle of the dagger, he had made up his mind to attempt to escape. The chances, he knew, were small; but if he failed he could be in no worse position than he was then. As long as he was in the house there would be no opportunity, but if he was removed before further constables arrived he might have a chance, and when the policeman spoke about taking him to the station he himself made the first move towards the door.

The freshness of the early morning air, as they stepped from beneath the portico, seemed to put new life and hope into him, and in a second he had formulated in his mind a plan of escape.

He walked easily by the side of his guardian, neither hanging back nor hurrying forward, but keeping stride and stride with him, and then, ere the open road was reached, the blow was delivered with all the power of the unjust accusations behind it. P. C. 003 measured his length on the pavement, as Roy dashed across the road, and vaulting the oaken iron-topped fence, by a trick he had learnt in the old days at Cheltenham, found himself at liberty within the wide expanse of Regent's Park.

At liberty! Yes, but only for a time. Well he knew that. Very soon a cordon would be drawn round the place and he must be run to ground. But the police had yet to ascertain that he had taken that direction, and in the meantime the whole expanse was his own.

He was fairly familiar with the place. It was a favourite spot with Edith Clifford, and often had they strolled there together watching the cricket, or sat beneath the trees on a small mound overlooking the lake while the pleasure boats pursued their erratic courses up and down the stretch of water.

But no thought of cricket or boating was in his mind as, skirting the grounds of St. Catherine's Lodge, he struck across the grass until crossing the Broad Walk he again found a magnificent expanse of open green sward before him.

Roy was athletic and always kept himself more or less in training by walking, rowing, and riding. It was nothing to him, this run across the grass; and he went at his top speed as though he were "doing the quarter."

Leaving the grounds of the Baptist College well on his right, he struck a path running in a north-westerly direction, between two large clumps of well-grown shrubs, and vaulting over the low iron railing of that on his right hand, he was the next instant concealed among them, as safely—for the time being—as though he were a hundred miles from the spot.

Yet even here he did not linger. Time was precious. Dawn would soon be breaking. Indeed, as he turned his head towards the east, he fancied he could already see a lighter tinge between the thick clouds that overhung the sky.

Pushing his way through the leafy shelter, he at length came to the fence bounding the outer circle. Very carefully he gazed along the road on either hand, but it was innocent of a single soul.

Here was his chance. Again vaulting the railings, he hurried over the road, and scaling the iron boundary on the farther side gained the "Slips," that portion of the park fringing it on the north and lying between the outer circle and the Regents Canal down to which they slope with a sudden descent.

The bottom of this slope was fenced by a solid oak paling considerably the worse for wear, dividing it from the canal itself, the towing path being on the further shore.

Standing on the top of the slope, he listened intently. Far away to the right he caught the sound of heavy slow hoof-falls on the loose gravel, telling that barges were already at work along the silent waterway.

As they came opposite him he could just make out through the gloom the outline of the cumbersome vessel with its unknown cargo, raised in the centre the length of the boat, and sheeted over with tarpaulins till it resembled the high pitched roof of a house with the lower walls sunk beneath the water.

Very earnestly he examined it as it passed, and then with a shade of disappointment clouding his face, he turned away and walked along beneath the trees till he found himself opposite a part of the fence where several boards had been torn away, probably by urchins—youthful disciples of old Izaak.

Again he stopped as further sounds from the right met his ear and once more a laden barge emerged from the right and silently passed before him, while behind it were two others roped to it in tow, and though the tarpaulins were over them, he judged they must be empty or at any rate carrying but a small cargo since two horses were dragging the three.

He stood silently watching for some moments, and then suddenly started as a distant whistle broke upon his ear.

There was no mistaking it! The sleuth hounds were on his track. The park was being searched and was no longer safe for him. He cast a glance behind but there was no one in sight. As yet he had the place to himself but for how long?

One more glance at the string of boats silently creeping past far below then a quick run down the slope. Roy Royston disapeared through the broken palings and London knew him no more.

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TERRIBLE CRIME IN CUMBERLAND TERRACE.

MURDERER STILL AT LARGE.

WELL-KNOWN CITY MAN WANTED.

Such were the head-lines in heavy leaded type that startled London a few hours later, followed by a remarkably accurate account of what they had managed to get hold of what they knew was invaluable copy. How they manage to do such things is a mystery to the outside world who are not up in the journalistic ropes. But it is done, and done again and again, to the honour of the Fourth Estate, be it said.

Special editions followed each other in quick succession; but they varied very little in the information they gave. The main piece of news sought for was not there; the murderer, Roy Royston, was still missing.

And so the day passed. A sensation-loving, inquisitive crowd gathered early and continued to linger before the silent, blind-veiled house in Cumberland Terrace; though kept on the move by quiet-voiced policemen, who in reply to inquiring busy-bodies appeared as ignorant of what they were there for as the stones beneath their feet.

Meanwhile the whole brain-power of Scotland Yard was at work to catch the murderer. Every outlet from the country was hermetically sealed; and, coming nearer home, the termini were all watched and the roads patrolled, while the search went on in all his old haunts and places of resort.

Roy Royston must be found. It was only a question of hours. And yet the hours went on and brought nothing in their train.

And London waited.

(To be continued.)

THE LATE SHAH.

Memorial services were held for the late Shah in the Persian Mosque near Baboolla Tank on Friday, Saturday and Sunday last. Reciting the Koran and the Fateha ceremonies were gone through, and the proceedings terminated on the last day with a sermon by a Persian priest. The Persian Mahomedans closed their places of business on these three days in honour of the memory of their deceased sovereign. Leading Indian Mahomedans of all communities displayed their sympathy with their Persian brethren in their national bereavement by taking part freely in the memorial services in the Persian Mosque. Most of the Indian Mahomedans also closed their places of business in honour of the late Shah's memory. Telegrams of condolence were sent to the present Shah on behalf of Mr. Mirza Ali Akbar Khan, Persian Consul, Mr. Mirza Mohomed Shirazi Amin-ot-Toyjar, the Bombay Persian Community, the Indian Sunni Mussalman, the Khoja Shia and the Anjuman-i-Islam of Bombay. Appropriate replies were received by all from Teheran. On the 12th instant His Royal Highness Prince Sir Ala-es-Sultaneh Minister, for Foreign Affairs, Teheran replied by wire to the Persian Consul the purport of which was as follows:—Your telegram of condolence on the great Calamity was submitted to His Imperial Majesty. His Majesty thanks you for your kind thought and humanity.

The Foreign Consulates in Bombay flew their flags at half mast on learning of the demise of the late Shah. His Excellency the Governor and the Political Department have expressed their deep regret to the Persian Consul on receiving the sad intelligence of the late Shah's death. The Persian Consulate Flag will remain at half mast until the 2nd of February next which day has been fixed upon in Teheran for the coronation of His Imperial Majesty Mahomed Ali Mirza Shah-in-Shah of Persia.

At Allbless Baugh, Girgaum, was held a meeting yesterday afternoon, of the Persian Zoroastrians residing in Bombay, to adopt resolution of condolence at the death of the late Shah of Persia, Muzaffer-ed-din, and to congratulate the present Shah, Mahomed Ali Mirza, on his accession to the throne of Persia. Mr. Ardeshir Merwan Irani, a well-known merchant of Bombay, was in the chair. Mirza Ali Akbar, the Persian Consul in Bombay, was also present. The chairman, in his opening remarks, explained the object of the meeting, referring excellence to the recent constitution granted by the late Shah to his people and the nomination therein of a member of the Zoroastrian community of Persia. The only consolation amongst their present sorrow, he said, was in fact that the throne of Persia would be occupied by an enlightened, kind-hearted and a just ruler, who had, ere long, proud himself a worthy son of a worthy father, and who had promised to follow in his father's foot-steps in upholding the constitution granted to Persia.

Amongst, those who addressed the meeting, were Mr. Jivanji Jamshedji Mody, Mr. K. R. Kama and others. The meeting unanimously resolved to send a message of condolence to the present Shah in his sad bereavement, expressing the deep regret of the Persian Zoroastrian Community of

EARTHQUAKE IN JAMAICA.

EX-BOMBAY GOVERNOR KILLED.

Kingston Entirely Destroyed.

MANY VICTIMS.

SOLDIERS BURNED TO DEATH.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, JANUARY 15.

New York telegraphic advices state that Kingston in Jamaica has been destroyed by an earthquake. Much loss of life has occurred. Direct telegraphic communication has been interrupted.

LONDON, JANUARY, 16.

The Earthquake at Kingston, Jamaica, occurred on Monday afternoon. The news received is meagre and conflicting and emanates from Holland Bay and St Thomas.

Mr. Hamar Greenwood M. P., cabling to the Colonial Office, stated that the city was entirely destroyed,

Sir James Fergusson, a former Governor of Bombay, is reported dead, that no other British Canadians or Americans are reported missing.

The Governor is directing affairs assisted by Sir Alfred Jones.

Later reports indicate that the death roll will not exceed one hundred. A fire broke out after the earthquake but was apparently confined to a small section of the City.

Mr. Hamar Greenwood's message has relieved the anxiety regarding the safety of a distinguished party, under Sir Alfred Jones, who were participating in the Agricultural and Cottons Conferences, including the Earl and Countess Dudley, Mr. Arnold Forster M.P., Mr. Henniker Heaton M.P., Mr. Jesse Collings M.P. Mr. Hall Caine and Viscount Mountmorres.

The work of fighting the flames was pursued vigorously throughout Tuesday. The principa hotel and others important buildings were destroyed but otherwise the fire was confined to the docks

The numbers of wounded is estimated at several hundreds and the hospitals are filled with injured.

LATER,

An official despatch which is undated confirms the report that a severe earthquake occurred at Kingston on the afternoon of Monday last and was followed by a fire which however was confined to that part of the town containing the wharves and warehouses.

The Camp hospital was destroyed and thirty persons were killed. Major Hardyman was seriously injured.

The general hospital is crowded with three hundred people who have been injured.

The fires are decreasing. The Myrtlebank Hotel and the cable offices have been destroyed.

With the exception of Sir James Fergusson who is missing it is believed that the Cotton Delegates are safely aboard a steamer at Bort Kingston.

The members of the killed and wounded are still uncertain.

Slight earthquake shocks still continue.

The Royal Mail Steamship Company announce that Mr. Constantine, their Superintendent, has been killed; also Captain Young of the Arno.

The Admiralty has orderded the cruisers "Brilliaul" and "Indefatigable', to proceed to Kingston.

The American Admiral is also going there.

["EMPIRE" SPECIAL.]

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 16.

It is officially reported that an earthquake, followed by a fire, has ruined Kingston, Jamaica. The shock was on Monday.

All the buildings have been destroyed and there are many victims. Forty soldiers are said to have been burned to death in the Military Hospital.

Sir James Fergusson is reported to have been killed, but the remainder of Sir Alfred Jones' party including the Earl and Countess of Dudley, are safe.

THE LATE SIR JAMES FERGUSSON.

The first bare statement that was received announcing that Sir James Fergusson is one of the victims of the Jamaica disaster left room for a considerable amount of uncertainty for these are two Sir James Fergusons, the first Ex-Governor of Bombay and the second Sir James Ranken Fergusson, the son of the eminent surgeon. A later message, however, states definitely that the victim is the late Governor of Bombay, whose life was full of incident all the world over.

Before he became directly associated with the Colonies, Sir James Fergusson had led a very active military and political career. Very soon after he left the peaceful academic seclusion of University College, Oxford, he found himself as a young officer of the Grenadier Guards, in the thick of the fight in the Crimea. He went through the campaign of 1854-5 with considerable distinction, and when the war was over he returned and resumed his interrupted career in the House of Commons. For he was sent to Westminster by Ayrshire in his 22nd year, and, with a brief absence, continued to represent that county until his departure in 1868 to represent the Queen in South Australia. He had graduated for that important Governorship by the administrative capacity he had displayed as Under-Secretary for India and Under-Secretary for the Home Office. Sir James served his full term of six years in South Australia, and there discovered and married his second wife, Miss Oliver Richman. From, South Australia Sir James proceeded to New Zealand but there he was not always able to gree with his Ministerial advisers, and after a couple of troublous years in Macrland, he resigned, returned to England and for a time enjoyed the sweets of a quiet life and freedom from official worries. But in 1880 he was once again put into harness as Governor of Bombay, where he remained until 1885, proving himself a very efficient administrater, and laying up a valuable store of Indian information and experience. Almost immediately on his return from India he found a seat in North-East Manchester, and was Lord Salisbury's Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs. One of his sisters is married to the Right Rev. Dr. Kennion, the Bishop of Bath and Wells and formerly Bishop of Adelaide.

Sir James who was born in 1832 was the sith Baronet and succeeded to the title in 1849. In two ways he was connected with India for his first wife, he married three, was Edith, daughter of the Marquis of Dalhousie. Sir James was closely connected with railway entersprise. He was a Director of the Caledonian Railway from 1858 to 1865, of the London and North-Western Railway from 1865 to 1868, of the Glasgow and South Western from 1875 to 1880, of the P. & O. Company from 1886 to 1891, and of the Royal Mail Steamer Packet company since 1892 while, in keeping with his zeal in communication he had a seat on the Board of the National Telephone Company. Sir James was a G. C. S. I. and K.C.M.G., and a C.I.E.

WORK IN BOMBAY.

As we have said, Sir James Fergusson assumed the Governorship of Bombay in 1880, and at once threw himself heart and soul into the affairs of the Presidency. His first desire was to make himself acquainted with the needs and desires of the various races he was called upon to govern, and at the same time to secure the goodwill and co-operation of the native princes. Among the first proceedings of the new Governor on assuming office was to put the Deccan Ryots Relief Act into full force. Few measures excited greater difference of opinion amongst the persons to whom it applied than the Ryots Relief Act. It satisfied neither party: the creditors chafed against its restrictions, and debtors objected that their only chance of reinstating themselves in a prosperous position was taken away from them. Generally speaking there is little doubt that the measure was a sound one, and though its immediate effects pressed hardly upon many, yet its ultimate results were indubitably beneficial. In the first place, it Stopped speculative loans, and thus, though in rather a summary manner, saved many of the poorer classes from much prospective misery; whilst secondly, it placed genuine transactions upon a firmer commercial basis. Whereas, however, opinion was much divided as to the Ryots Relief Act, commendation was universally expressed for the measure empowering the Commissioner in Sind to inaugurate a system of village government, which although indige, nous to other parts of India, had not hitherto prevailed in that province. It is unnecessary to more than touch upon such legislation as the Bombay Port Trust Act and the Act confirming the Jurisdiction of Bombay Presidency Magistrates, since these measures met with genuine approval. Much, however, can hardly be said of the legislation undertaken in connection with the Salt Revenue. The object of the Bombay Salt Act was to add certain provisions to a former Act empowering the Governor in Council to appoint a Commissioner of Salt Revenue who would be intermediate between the Collector of Salt Revenue and the Government, and vesting the Commissioner with certain powers under the Act. Opportunity was also taken to repeal a section of the previous Act relating to the sale-proceeds of confiscations in salt. The opening up of communications, by means of improved roads and extended railways, had the hearty sympathy of Sir James Fergusson, and the Act of 1883 to provide funds for maintaining provincial roads, and that for working a street tramway in Kurrachee, may be regarded as steps in the right direction. On the other hand a bill proposing to amend the existing Abkari Act excited much adverse criticism. Although Sir James Fergusson and most of the Officials were in favour of the Bill the non-official members of the Council opposed it, and both the English and the Native press objected to its introduction. The opposition to it arose from a conviction that the Bill, if passed, would inflict great hardship upon the poorer classes of the community; and although it was actually passed, the Governor-General withheld his assent to it. A scheme giving extended powers to municipalities and local boards proposed by the Supreme Government was approved and carried out by the Governments of Bombay, and ultimately fourteen towns were created city municipalities in addition to the ten previously existing, and the qualifications of voters were settled so as to include all substantial occupiers. This arrangement gave general satisfaction and on the whole has worked fairly well.

A RAILWAY ENTHUSIAST.

Having thus touched briefly upon the legislative proceedings during Sir James' term of office it may be well to revert to the various journeys undertaken by His Excellency throughout the Presidency. The Rajputana State Railway was opened in 1880, and the same year Sir James Fergusson personally inaugurated a line from Bhavnagar to Wadhwan with a branch to Jetpur. While in Kathiawar for this ceremony he was able to visit the States of Bhavnagar, Palitana, Jetpur Junagad, Rajkote, Gondal, Wudhwan, and Dhrangadra. He also traversed the State of Bhor and Kolhapore in the Deccan and Sawantwadi and Junjeera in the Konkan. In July 1881 His Excellency made a short trip to Sholapore where he opened the waterworks, and in August he performed a similar ceremony at Thana, and then visited Broach to inspect the Nerbudda Bridge and to decide upon the site for the junction of the Broach and Jambusar Railway. Shortly afterwards he undertook a tour in the Maratha country, following generally the line of the proposed railway and inspecting the irrigation works in progress of construction, when the chiefs of the Native States through whose territories he passed had an opportunity of receiving and meeting Sir James at their own capitals. His Excellency proceeded to Baroda at Christmas to represent the Viceroy at the ceremonial of the installation of his Highness the Gaekwar, and visited Ahmedabad on his way to Kutch and Kathiawar. At Rajkote he was to have presented to His Highness the Maharaja of Bhavnagar the insignia of a Knight Commander of the Star of India, but was recalled from Kutch to Bombay by the news of the death of his wife, than whom a more gifted and popular lady never dispensed the hospitalities of the Government House, and the shock of this deep loss was only mitigated by the universal sympathy that was extended to him in his sorrow. This year saw the lines from Bellary to Goa and from Sholapore to Gadag finally adopted. It was also marked by the introduction of a low tariff for telegraphic messages. During the official year 1882-3 three tours were made by His Excellency. The first was in December 1882, when he visited Marmagoa, the Gersoppa Falls, Karwar, Ratnagherry, etc.; the second in January 1883, when he travelled through parts of Khandesh and Nasik which had been affected by locusts, and the third in February and March when he went to Kolhapore and opened the Horse Show at Chinchli and the road designed to connect the former place with the ports of Ratnagherry across the Ambaghat.

On August 21, 1883, he visited Bijapur in connection with the scheme for the transfer of the headquarters of the Kaladgi Collectorate from Kaladgi to the ancient capital. In December he proceeded to Calcutta to take part in the proceedings at the opening of the International Exhibition. In January he made a tour through Guzerat visiting all the places of importance and holding durbars at several places. On February 13th the commencement of the Western Deccan Railway was celebrated by a durbar at Ghorpuri. In April 1884, for the first time since Aden was annexed to the Indian Empire and attached to this Presidency, this settlement was visited officially by a Governor of Bombay in person. Amongst the places then visited by him were the settlement of Shaikh Othman, founded in 1882 to relieve the pressure of population in the military and the new Somali Town. He thence sailed to Perim, and determined a plan for civil government and police, rendered necessary by the coolie population attracted by the coal depot. Returning to Aden he paid a visit to the Sultan of Lahej. He also made a journey to Bhuj to install the young Rao of Kutch upon the Gadi of that State and to settle the differences between Kutch and Morvi by arbitration, the basis of the proposed arrangement being the total and entire separation of their interests.

AGRICULTURE AND EDUCATION.

All this journeying notwithstanding, Sir James Fergusson paid detailed attention to the practical wants of the Presidency. The need of an Agricultural Department had long been keenly noted, and it is for the formation of this institution that the Government of Sir James Fergusson will be chiefly remembered.

Sir James Fergusson took deep interest in all matters relating to education, and during his period of office the number of schools largely increased. The grant-in-aid system did much towards fostering the growth of private institutions, and a steady increase took place in the amount of the grants. Mahomedan education made great strides, and the utmost interest was evinced by Government in the important question of female education. Sir James Fergusson paid great personal attention to this matter, and his efforts were attended by considerable success. The spread of education has shown gratifying results in the government of native States as will be seen from the following extract from the Administration Report of 1881:—"In the extension of education, the prosecution of public works, the establishment of regular Courts of Justice, the entertainment of a police, the adoption of a survey, and the provision for the sick, the Native States of to-day are very different from the Native State of some years ago. Mutual feuds and jealousies have been healed and a healthy rivalry has been stimulated and developed. The younger chiefs have been educated in English Colleges and have been trained in manly exercises; and now in the Government of their State many of them carrying into practice the principles which have been carefully implanted in them at school. The old order is giving place to the new, and the conspicious and jealous exclusiveness which used to characterise so many of them has been dispelled by the light of a higher knowledge and wider experience." At the termination of office Sir James Fergusson left India and on his return to England again entered Parliament and accepted from Government the portfolio of Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

No Governor of the Western Presidency has exhibited a greater independence of character or a stricter sense of justice in the discharge of his multifarious duties than Sir James Fergusson. In his treatment of the various public questions of the day he gave proof of a cultured and broad mind; of a ready and comprehensive grasp of the cardinal points of complex administrative problems which he was called upon to solve; and a genuine sympathy with the wants and just aspirations of the people. He ever held the balance evenly between Europeans and Natives and in the dispensation of official patronage he was guided by no other consideration than a high sense of right and justice. Although he never courted popularity, it may be said to have been thrust upon him by reason of his strict impartiality and courtesy. No previous Governor had been so much in touch with the views and feelings of the Princes a had had their welfare more at heart and none acquired their respect and affection to so great an extent or he. There was a feeling of general regret on their part at his departure, which was plainly exhibited by their liberal contributions to the memorials raised in his honour, and in their coming from great distances, at serious inconvenience to bid him a party farewell. Amongst these memorials is the Fergusson Museum and Library at Bhuj founded at a cost of Rs. 30,000. In saying what we have said we are not unaware of the fact that Sir James Fergusson incurred slight unpopularity with both English and Natives in respect of some of his legislative measures and official acts but it is only fair to all parties concerned to say that the differences were soon forgotten and all classes of people joined in doing honour to one in whose acts they clearly saw that decision of character which disdains to win the fleeting popularity of the hour at the in expense of honest conviction and whose readiness to defer to reasonable and respectful representation gained for him still further appreciative regard.

THE PHILIPPINE DISASTER.

Typhoon Sweeps Over Two Islands.

ONE HUNDRED PERSONS KILLED.

[THROUGH REUTERS AGENCY.]

LONDON, JANUARY 16.

The Islands Leyte and Imas in the Philippine were swept by a typhoon on the 10th instant. A hundred people perished in Leyte. The Barracks at Samar have been destroyed.

No details have been received.

THE VICTORIA CROSS.

Mutiny Decorations Handed to Descendants.

LONDON, JANUARY 15.

The *Gazette* announces that the King has approved of the Victoria Cross being delivered to representatives of the following, who would have been decorated if they had survived.

Private Spence of the Indian Mutiny.

Ensign Phillipps of the Siege of Delhi.

Lieutenants Melvill and Coghill for their efforts to save the Colours at Isandlwanha.

Trooper Baxter of the Bulawayo Field Force of 1896.

Lieutenant Heeton Maclean of the Indian Staff Corps in the Swat Valley Expedition of 1897.

MR. BEERBOHM TREE GOES TO BERLIN.

Shakespearean Season.

LONDON, JANUARY 15.

At the request of the Manager of the Royal Opera in Berlin, Mr. Beerbohm Tree goes there in April to produce Shakespearean plays. His Majesty the Kaiser has promised his patronage.

NATAL AND CHINESE LOANS.

Plenty of Money for Investment.

LONDON, JANUARY 15.

The Natal loan has been twice covered.

The China loan has been largely over-subscribed.

BRITISH COMMANDERS AT SINGAPORE.

The Annual Gathering.

LONDON, JANUARY 15.

The British Commanders on the Australian China and East Indian Stations are conferring at Singapore.

CHINESE FAMINE.

Relief Fund at the Mansion House.

LONDON, JANUARY 15.

A Mansion House Fund has been opened in connection with the Chinese Famine Relief.

THE CHANNEL TUNNEL.

Mr. Haldane Offers Opposition.

["EMPIRE" SPECIAL.]

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 16.

Mr. Haldane has opposed the Channel Tunnel Scheme.

CALCUTTA CORPORATION.

Proposal for a New Debenture Loan.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 16.

The Chairman of the Calcutta Corporation proposes to raise a Debenture Loan of 24 lakhs of rupees during 1907-8.

The Finance Committee discussed the matter, but adjournred without arriving at a decision.

The Committees of the Calcutta Port Trust, of the Calcutta Corporation and of the Rangoon Port Trust will confer together regarding the future raising of loans required for large works, and as to the best time to put them on the market.

BLACK-WATER FEVER.

Enquiry Regarding Prevalence in Dooars.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 16.

A Memorial has been sent to the Hon'ble Mr. Hare by the Dooars Planters Association asking that expedition should be sent out from the School of Tropical Medicine to enquire into the cause and prevalence of malarial and black-water fevers which have made Dooars notorious.

TELEGRAPH COMMITTEE.

Early Submission of Report Expected.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 16.

It is hoped that the Report of the Telegraph Committee will be in the hands of the Government of India about the first week in April.

Mr. Berrington, the Deputy Director of Telegraphs, has submitted his Report to Government embodying the results of his investigation on the Traffic Systems of the Telegraph Department of the United Kingdom.

NOTABLE ARRIVALS AT CALCUTTA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 16.

The Maharaja of Rewa arrived at Calcutta on Thursday last and remains here for a fortnight.

Sir Denzil Ibbetson, Sir Harvey Adamson and Mr. Erle Richards, Members of Council, and Sir H. H. Risley, Home Secretary, return from Agra to-morrow Thursday morning.

THE AMIR'S VISIT.

DEPARTURE FROM AGRA.

Magnificent Reception at Aligarh.

LARGE GATHERING OF MAHOMEDANS.

THE AMIR'S EXHORTATION.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.)

CAMP AGRA, JANUARY 16.

The Viceroy left late last night. The departure was private.

The Amir left by Special Train this morning for Aligarh. The same ceremonial was observed for his departure as for his arrival.

The following is a Special Command Concentration Order by General Sir Alfred Gaselee, G. C. I. E. K. C. [illegible], Commanding Eastern Command, dated Agra 15th January, 1907:—

The General Officer Commanding the Agra Concentration desires to express to all Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and men his thanks for the way in which all the duties during the Amir's Visit have been performed. The high appreciation of His Excellency the Viceroy and of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief has already been conveyed to the Troops. Both at the Review and on all ceremonial occasions all ranks showed the keenest interest in assuring success. Sir Alfred Gaselee has much pleasure in noticing the exemplary conduct of the men during their stay in Agra and its vicinity.

ALIGARH, JANUARY 16.

The Amir's Special arrived at Aligarh this morning at the appointed time. His Highness being received, on alighting, by the President Mr. Feiyaz Ali Khan, C. S. I., the Honorary Secretary, Nawab Mohsin-ul-Mulk, and seven other trustees and Principal Mr. Archibald of the Mahomedan Anglo-Oriental College, Aligarh. These gentlemen were accompanied by Sir Henry McMahon and Mr. L. S. Dobbs. Mr. Conybeare, Commissioner of Meerut Division, Mr. Ingram, Collector of Aligarh District, the District Judge and officers of the staff were present and several distinguished members of the Anglo-Indian Society also were in attendance to welcome the Amir to Aligarh. Sir Henry McMahon first presented the Nawab of Palasa the President to His Highness, and the Nawab in his turn introduced the other representatives of the College to the Amir, including the following trustees:—Nawab Syed Sai-ud-din; Haji Ismail Khan; Khan Bahadur Mozam Mull-lla Khan; Mr. Mohamed Ali C. S., Judge of Mirzapur; Syed Asharaf, uddina Natwali of Hoogly Imaundara; Mohomed Hissr Khan, District Judge.

The route traversed from the station to the College was profusely decorated by multi-coloured pennants and streamers, several arches ornamented with green and yellow bunting enlivend the route and on either side of the road as far as the Clock Tower numerous stands were erected to accommodate Indian seat holders. The College was lavishly and tastefully decorated with red and white bunting, and a covered and carpeted approach festooned with flags and Chinese lanterns led from the main entrance across the quadraugle to Strachey Hall and various adjoining buildings. On arrival at the main gate of the College the Amir's escort was drawn up and his Highnes was received by various officers of the College and some twenty-five others of the trustees, among whom were the following gentlemen:—Raja Nowshad Ali Khan; Nawab Hissar Khan; Shamsul-Ulma Altaf Hosain Ali; Mohamed Ahmed, retired Sub-Judge; Mohamed Ali, District Judge; Kabdur Yusuf Shah; Habibul Rahman I. C. S. Joint Magistrate, Agra; Gazi Uziz-Oddin, the Amir's attache; Mr Nizam-Uddin Hassan, Deputy Commissioner Berar; Hakim Ajmul Khan; Asherut-Uddin, Trustee, Hooghly Imambara; Moulvie Farukh-Uddin, retired Sub-Judge; Nawab Ahmed Sayed Khan of Delhi; Nawab Vikar-ul-Mulk, Among other gentlemen present non-Trustees were Nawab Sirfaraz Husain Khan of Patna; Lieut. Hon'ble Umar Malik Hayat Tiwana, C. I. E., 18th Tiwana Lancers; Nawab Sayed Mohammed, Madras; Nawab Ali Hossain Lucknow; Haji Mustafa Khan; Nawab Nasir Husain of Calcutta; Mr. Mohamed Ismail Khan, Barrister-at-law, Delhi. The students of the College lined up either side of the covered way to Strachey Hall where the Amir retired to Beck Manzil and subsequently honored the guests by his presence in the dining room for breakfast. The Amir after resting, attended the noonday prayer and returning from the College mosque inspected the Nizam Muzeum. Later the Amir inspected other college buildings including Macdonell and Mumtaz boarding houses, also the English ward and he thence visited the Lahoor ward and the Union Club terminating the tour of inspection at the principal hall of the College.

His Highness on arrival conversed freely with the Principal and trustees. When introduced to Hakim Ajmal Khan, the Amir remarked that he had heard about his grandfather and had read about him also as a well known Unani or Oriental physician of Delhi. Another of the trustees Shamshaw Ulmar Antaf Hossain Ali, being introduced to the Amir as well-known poet, His Highness inquired whether he wrote Urdu or Persian poetry and was informed that this gentleman was a Persian poet also and would this afternoon in Strachey Hall recite a Kasida in his honour.

Introduced, among members of the College staff to Shir Muja Tahid, Doctor of Shia Theology the Nawab Us-Mulk remarked that in Aligarh College Sunnis and Shias lived like brothers and there was no sectional difference between the two which was a happy sign of Musaulman progress. His Highness was thereupon much pleased and remarked that all such sectional differences ought to be discarded and that nothing should be done to hurt the feelings of professors of other creeds, the Amir adding that in Afghanistan cow slaughter in public thoroughfares had been prohibited by him and quoted some portion of the lines as to what the Mujtad should do in this matter. Soon after the Amir's arrival at the College Nawab Mohsin-ul-Mulk in presenting the trustees and other distinguished gentlemen to His Highness, these having come all parts of the country for the occasion, expressed his grattitude and thanks on behalf of the Musalman community in India to the Amir for gracing the College with his royal visit, praising His Highness for this genuine love of learning and educational reforms he was introducing in Afghanistan, adding that really Aftab or the sun of Afghanistan, had risen high and was shining light. The Nawab referred to the efforts made to raise this College to a University. Thereupon His Highness asked the Nawab to explain that particular term in Persian the latter giving the appellation as Darul-ulum-Kulia. His Highness graciously remarked that he wished to introduce a similar system in Afghanistan. That at first he was persuaded in Afghanistan not to include Aligarh in his visit so much being said against the College, but he decided ultimately to inspect the college and judge for himself with his own eyes. In making this remark he quoted an Arabic saying of Hazra Ali, son-in-law of the Prophet Mahomed who, when asked to show the difference between hearing and seeing, said it was only difference of four finger nails between ears and eyes. The Amir added it was his wish to come privately to college and not in state and he hoped they would appreciate his motive.

ADDRESS TO THE AMIR.

Later in the afternoon Strachey Hall was filled to overflowing by nearly a thousand students and influential visitors who had gathered to hear the Amir's address. The doors round the building were thrown open and corridors were densely thronged by students, also the galleries on either side within the hall. At the north end below the many memorial tablets to distinguished patrons of the College and central portrait of Lord Lytton was a raised dais handsomely carpeted on which a silver chair was placed for the Amir. Facing the Amir on the south side of the hall were portraits of Sir Sayed Ali Khan founder of the College and Sir John Strachey the Lieut. Governor. The Amir was supported by Sir Henry MacMahon and Mr. H. S. Dobbs and two of the principal Sirdars. His Private Secretary interpreted at more length his Highness's speech.

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POONA MANŒUVRES.

The Call to Arms.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.)

CAMP BHARA, JANUARY 14.

The call to arms has issued forth and the troops are rapidly concentrating in the vicinity of Peringhat, a distance of some 16 miles to the West of Poona. In order to facilitate the difficulties of transports, which necessarily accompany the concentration of a large force, the troops from Poona are moving out in three echelons with an interval of one day between each.

The 2nd Brigade, consisting of the 2nd Battn East Lancashire Regt., 80th Carnatic Infantry, 107th Pioneers, 19th Company Sappers and Miners marched out from Poona on the 12th and are in bivouac near the village of Bhara, which lies two miles N. W. of Peringhat.

This Brigade is under the command of Colonel Read C. B, Commanding the Belgaum Brigade.

Yesterday, the 13th instant, General Greenfield, the popular G. O. C. Bombay Brigade, who commands the Attacking Force, together with his staff, moved into bivouac at the village of Bhara to-day and the Director of the manoeuvres, Lieut-General Richardson C. B., C. S. I., C. I. E., accompained by Colonel Fitzgerald C. B., as Chief Staff Officer, and the remainder of his staff, came into Camp at Laula.

The Divisional troops consisting of the 13th and 46th Brigades R. F. A. (less 1 Battery) a Howitzer Battery of two 6·3" Howitzers and the 4th Ammunition columns under command of Colonel Armitage R. H A. marched across from Aundh where they have been massed for the annual artillery practice camp, and are in bivouac on the left bank of the Mula river—opposite Bhara village.

The Cavalry Brigade, under the command of Colonel Cookson, 29th Lancers, and consisting of the 26th Light Cavalry, 29th Lancers, 34th Poona Horse, 2 Cos. M. I., and 4 guns of the 12th Battery, representing a battery of R. H. A., are in bivouac at Tathaura seven miles to the N. N. E. of this place.

The 1st Brigade, under Command of Colonel Murray of the Royal Scots, consisting of: 2nd Battalion Connaught Rangers, 114th Mahrattas, 121st Pioneers, 18th Company Sappers and Miners march out from Poona on the 16th, by which day the concentration will be completed, and the stern realties of war commence.

The medical arrangments are in accordance with Field Service Regulations, and are under the Supervision of Lieutenant. Colonel Fooks I. M. S., P. M. O., of the attacking force.

The Transport and Supply arrangements are under the orders of Major Sullivan S and T. Corps, ably assisted by Captain Wright of the Army Service Corps.

THE OBJECT.

A few remarks as to the object of the Manœuvres:—The object of these manœuvres is to produce as true an object lesson as possible of the form which a modern battle may take, where all ranks, more especially the rank and file of the army, may fully realise the conditions imposed by the developments of modern fire arms, and where, from a practical observation, the effects of the weapons of the present day and the consequent tactics of all arms may be fully seen and the lessons learnt therefrom taken to heart.

The Defensive position, of which a brief description is appended, being necessarily held by a Dummy force, the counter-attacks, both general and local, which an energetic enemy would naturally undertake against an attack, cannot of course be illustrated It should none the less, however, be borne in mind that such attacks have, in the majority of cases, to be met and therefore provided against.

Certain conditions for safety, in the same way, influence the direction of the attack, and full advantage cannot be taken of that most powerful factor in protecting assaulting infantry, viz., covering fire.

In his introducing remarks the Director lays very great stress upon sanitation, and the great necessity for every precaution against disease and sickness. Truly in this respect we have many a lesson to learn from our allies, the Japanese, of whom it may be said that one of the great causes which contributed to their triumph in the late War in Manchuria was the almost entire absence of preventible sickness.

THE SCHEME

The following is the scheme under which the manœuvres will be worked out:—

GENERAL IDEA.

An invading force has occupied Bombay, and detaches a force of all arms towards Poona. This force reaches the neighbourhood of Kinai on the 15th January 1907. Its communications with Bombay are covered by a small force at the head of the Bhor Ghat near Lanowlie. Another division of the invading force is occupying the Tal Ghat near Igatpuri.

The force holding Poona has, as its object, the protection of the Arsenal and Powder Factory. The head-quarters of this army are at Secunderabad.

N. B.—For the purpose of this scheme the Arsenal is considered to be situted at Pashan. The Mula River is unfordable, and all the bridges and the Railway have been destroyed.

SPECIAL IDEA—ATTACKING FORCE.

On the 15th of January an attacking force, whose orders are to capture the Poona Arsenal, bivouacked on the Indrayani River near Kinai. Strength as follows:—

1 Cavalry Brigade; (3 Regiments Cavalry, 1 Battery R. H. A.); Mounted Infantry: 3 Brigades Infantry; (1 imaginary) and Divisional Troops, including 3 Brigades R. F. A. (1 imaginary), two 6.3 " R. M. L Howitzers, No, 4 Ammunition Column 2; Companies (22nd and E.) Sappers and Miners,

Its Cavalry Brigade has driven the Poona Cavalry back and is holding the high ground about Marunji and Thirgaon, and reports the enemy in position on the hills South of the Mula River from Banera to Laula. Left Flank, apparently, only weakly held. On the 16th of January (1) one Brigade Infantry and one Brigade of Field Artillery (both imaginary) are pushed with the Cavalry to the line of the Mula River. The report that the enemy's left flank is weak is confirmed. On the night of 16th January the General Officer Commanding the Attacking Force concentrates two Brigades Infantry and the Divisonal Troops behind the hill known as Tiger's Tail with the intention of attacking the enemy's left flank.

SPECIAL IDEA-DEFENDING FORCE.

The Officer Commanding at Poona has received orders to protect the arsenal and powder factory, and in pursuance of the these orders has prepared a position protecting them from the North and West. His force is—1 Brigade R. F. A. 2 Brigades Infantry. (6 Battalions), and 1 Regiment Cavalry. He has been told that reinforcements cannot reach him for six days.

On the night of the 15th of January his Cavalry has been driven back to the Mula river and report the enemy in strength on the Indrayani river.

On the 16th of January a force estimated at a Brigade of Infantry and a Brigade of Artillery, establishes itself on a line Barka W.—Hinjouri—Thirgaon.

SUMMARY OF THE ATTACK.

The attack has been divided into the following phases:—

1st Phase—Cavalry and R. H. A. with the M. I. in support driving in enemy's advanced troops, clearing the left bank of the river

2nd Phase—Artillery duel, and concentration of Infantry for the attack on the left of the position.

3rd Phase—Detailed reconnaisance of position, Infantry night attack against the Bluff and Bluff ridge advanced position)

(4th Phase—The assault of the main position.

THE DEFENCE.

Finally, the roles are reversed, the units of the attacking force occupy the entrenchments dug by themselves (in their annual course of training) and the tarpon are transferred to the positions the attacking force succeeded in reaching, prior to the assault of the position.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE DEFENSIVE POSITION.

The position, which face west, extends along partially forest clad heights from Little Sus to Mahratta Hill which form its right and left flank respectively. Both are somewhat advanced, and bring a cross fire on the centre of the position. A mile to the West lies the Bluff and Bluff Ridge a long low eminence, steep on the North and West, where it commands a long stretch of the Mula River, whilst the southern portion runs at right angles to the main position. The Mula River, which is ruled unfordable runs right across the front, and the nullahs leading into it offer much cover to the attack, which is enhanced by the terraced fields and high cultivation. On both flanks of the main position, however, the ground is very open.

An examination of the position discloses its great trength, the entrenchments having been excavated out of the solid rock, or in soil mixed with large boulders. Six battalions and two batteries are required to man these defences, and a brief description of the dispositions should be of interest to all. The first difficulty that met the defenders was the problem offered by the Bluff. It was essential to hold this hill, otherwise the enemy under its cover could cross the river unobserved and unimpeded. Delay, moreover, is the object of the defence, a further incentive to occupy it. The actual entrenching offers no insurmountable difficulties, but it is necessary, in case of need, to be able to withdraw the garrison. The enemy must, therefore, be forced to attack one side only, and the scheme of defence is based on this, by forcing the enemy, if he attempts to surround the hill, to make two crossings of the river, and thus expose himself to defeat in detail. If the advanced position is attacked from the S. W. the garrison must, if necessary, retire along the N. E. side of the ridge and "vice versa," and it is with this particular object that the defences have been designed. The hill is strongly entrenched along the western, northern and eastern sides, whilst a line of obstacles, which can be easily lighted up by night, and are under fire from all the trenches and a blockhouse in the river bed, run from each side of Bluff Ridge right down to the banks of the Mula.

With reference to the main position in rear, groups of trenches have been prepared at or near the foot of the hills, each group has a communication trench to the rear, leading either to the top of the hill or into the forest, where cover from view is obtained, and a communication path suffices. Each trench is provided with a support trench or casemate, in which the firing line may seek shelter during bombardment by the enemy, when overhead cover has not been prepared in the forward trenches themselves. A second tier of fire is given by a line of sangars on the hill side, which are specially designed to fire into the nullahs and other ground, unsearched by the lower sited trenches. These also have their communication support trenches, whilst there are further cover trenches for the local reserves. Pioneer Spur is defended by a well constructed redoubt. Lateral communication has been constructed throughout the position. Gun emplacements exist all along the main line of defence and on the top of the Bluff, and numerous alternative positions have been construeted. Lines of possible retreat have not been overlooked.

It is to the attack of this position that the Division is now assembling: a position less formidable in every respect than any section of the defences of Port Arthur, yet one which, when examined, leaves no doubt in the observer's mind of how vastly difficult is the question of attack to-day. Often through the coming manoeuvres will its actors recognize, perhaps as they have never recognised before, the extraordinary military talent that gave the Russian Fortress to its victors.

THE SOCIAL CONFERENCE.

The Originator's Views.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—I read the Proceedings of the last Social Conference held in Calcutta, with much pleasure. The Presidential Address was excellent and it contained the views of all sober well-wishers of our society. Though I was the originator of this Conference, with the aid of my Madras friends and the late Mahadev Govinda Ranade, I refused to attend it during the past few years, as I found it working on non-national principles, denouncing the opinion of the masses who were acting conscientiously, though erroneously, and professing no respect for the national religion.

The views which the President formulated were all those which I have been advocating for the past 30 years, and which my late respected friend Ranade did not oppose. My line of procedure was to ascertain what the Hindu Law was, to inform my people of the same, and to exhort them to follow it in preference to any custom prevailing whenever they found that the latter was harmful, uncivilised, and dangerous to our prosperity. I showed them that our conscience is of greater importance to us than all the inconveniences and losses we might incur by acting against it. I and my late friend Chensala Rao were persecuted for some years by the priesthood because we advocated the marriage of betrothed children; they ex-communicated us, created dissentions in our families by inducing my cousin, the late Raja Sir T. Madhava Rao to dissociate with me. We pitied our opponents, preached to them our view of the law and returned kindness for their persecution. We eventually succeeded in convincing many of them that what we had preached was the true Hindu Law and they became the supporters of the cause we pleaded. I have been so far successful that all persecution of people who differed from the priesthood has now ceased or, at any rate, I have not heard of it since the grand discussion held at Madras in 1888, under the presidency of the Head of the Uttaradi Mutt. He confessed to me that my views were more consistent with Hindu Law and religion than those held by our opponents. He asked me to state what I would have done, if I had been in his position. I told him that I would educate the minor priests and make them know what the law was and not persecute those who ventured to preach and practice it. He promised to do so, said that he had not sanctioned our excommunication and allowed me to associate with him more prominently than those who had been prompting our persecution. Nothing can succeed without carrying the people with it. They are open to conviction but require irrebuttable proof for the correctness of our advocacy, contrary to the prevailing custom. I think they are perfectly right. Even now there are many who widely differ from me in my views of sociology. It required a generation's preaching to remove the rancour to the cause of my preachings and its preacher. They now treat me with attention, kindness and respect.

The President was of opinion that some of the Resolutions passed by the Conferences held in the previous years were unsuitable to the present social condition of the Hindu society; that there is much that is good, there is much that is precious and beneficial in our social organization and we must proceed cautiously and slowly; that we must take the mass of the community with us so far as it may be possible that the Resolutions that would be laid before the Conference were such that there was nothing in them to which, according to the opinion of some of the members of the orthodox society, who had been consulted, any thinking man can take exception; that the most important matters were the fusion of the sub-castes the curtailment of marriage expenses, the advancement of female education, the sea-voyage movement and the remarriage of virgin widows, as these girls were married in name only and were not widows, that endeavours should be made to promote intermarriages between the sub-castes to curtail marriage expenses, to establish large number of schools for the education of girls and to pay attention to the education of grown up and married girls. He said that "there are distinct shastric texts allowing travels by sea to foreign countries for education, and that it is a matter of history that up to the time of the Mahomedan conquest of this country, the Hindus were a sea-faring people; that students returning to this country after their education in foreign countries should be freely admitted into society, if they only conform with practice as regards dress and living of the Hindus; that it seemed to him strange to raise any obstacle in the way of readmission into society of Hindus who undertake voyages to foreign countries for education, commerce and other useful purposes; that on consultation with many of the orthodox people he ascertained their almost

approval on the part of members by means of significant yawning, or ironical cheers, or audible snoring, (which I suppose can be easily induced in the comfortable and luxurious chairs provided for Councillors), will effect even a partial cure of the evil. Dr. Sukhia has started a question of a high moment in this essentially time-saving age.

SCENE IN A FIRE TEMPLE.

The *Akhbare Soudagar* has created a sensation among the Parsis by publishing an account of a sacrilegious theft by some of the officiating priests of the fire temple at Udwad, which may be described as the cathedral town of the Parsis. Mr. Bomanji Dinshaw Petit lately sent an offering of Agar, a sort of odoriferous wood in charge of three ladies, to the sacred temple This wood is exceedingly precious, and each offering of what is known among Zoroastrians as *Machi* costs about two or three hundred rupees. As the priests are known for their pilfering habits, the ladies assisted by Mr. Petit's manager, were on the watch that all the pieces intended for the altar went to feed the sacred flame, while their very value formed an additional incentive to the officiating priests for secreting some of them by sleight of hand in, which they are said to have acquired great dexterity by practice. The attempt was discovered, and in obedience to a very strong remonstrance from Mr. Petit, addressed to the managers of the fire temple, the culprits have been suspended from their office for one year. Although the theft of sandalwood by priests is a matter of common knowledge, the faith of the devout has remained unshaken. The poet sings of people who are "even in prayers planning sins anew." But here they are actually committing sins anew in the very *sanctum sanctorum* of the house of God! While the worshippers sometimes mount guard at the different barred windows round the altar, closely watching the operations of the performing priest, the priest, who is seemingly intent upon nothing but the prayers he is mumbling, watches for an opportunity to hoodwink the sentinels. This is a sight, indeed; but it is certainly not one for the gods. While faith is strong and general, the priesthood of Udwad will not starve. But it behoves the enlightened Parsis of Bombay to raise them, by means of education, from their abject degradation.

DION.

MUNICIPAL STANDING COMMITTEE.

The weekly meeting of the Standing Committee of the Bombay Municipal Corporation was held, Yesterday afternoon, Mr. Jaffer Rahimtulla presiding.

THE TRAMWAY SERVICE.

In last September, the Committee had passed a resolution requesting the Commissioner to inform the Standing Committee whether the full tram-service stipulated in the agreement with the Bombay Electric Supply and Tramway Company had been and was being given to the public. This resolution was passed in consequence of a complaint being made by Mr Cecilia D'Souza, and Dr. Sukhia complaining of the inadequacy of the Tramway Service and requesting the Committee to call upon the Tramway Company to reserve accommodation for ladies. The correspondence which passed between the Municipal Commissioner and the Tramway Company on the subject of reserving accommodation for ladies has already been published in these columns. The reply from the Company was to the effect that there was neither need nor desirability of reserving accommodation for ladies.

The Commissioner had referred the matter to the Executive Engineer with a request to hold an inspection and these to report whether the full tram service, Stipulated under the agreement with the Company was given to the public.

The Executive Engineer after naming the places he had selected for inspection went on to say: The contract time for commencing the service was nearly adhered to in all cases. This was not the case with respect to the time of closing the service. At most of the junctions and termini it varied between 9 and 10 p. m. In case of statements 1, 3 and 8 the service was continued after 10 p.m. but was closed before 10·30 p. m.

The interval of did not exceed 10 minutes except in certain where the delay may be ascribed to unforeseen detention or obstacles along the road. On the other hand, the total number of cars actually run throughout the day in some cases far exceeded that which needed to have run on the 10 minute basis. Upon the above observations therefore, the only thing the Corporation can demand of the Company is the adherence to the stipulated hour for closing the service, viz., 11·30 p. m., if such a course is deemed to be on benefit to the public.

The Committee yesterday resolved to forward the matter to the Corporation with the recommendation of the Committee that the Commissioner be asked to see that the clause relating to the keeping up of the tramway services until 11.30 p.m., was acted upon and to urge on the Tramway Company the desirability starting at busy hours, special tramcars at short intervals from junctions like Market Money School, &c., just as it was being done at Bori Bander and Pydownee.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT.

The Report of the Health Officer for the 4th quarter of 1906, was recorded; from which the following are the excerpts:

The health of the city has been favourable during the period under review, the total mortality being 3,023 less than in the last quarter. Cholera ceased to be epidemic during the quarter, but there was a sharp outbreak of the disease during 20th November 1906 amongst the prisoners of the Umarkhadi Jail. In all 31 prisoners were attacked and 13 of them died. The outbreak, which was due to an under-trial prisoner contracting the disease and spreading the infection to other prisoners, was quickly brought under control by the Jail authorities. An outbreak of Typhoid fever with 16 attacks and 1 death occurred at the end of October amongst the nurses attached to the J. J. Hospital. A committee selected from the members of the Hospital staff was appointed to enquire into the cause of the outbreak, but the result of their investigation has not yet been communicated to this Department. As stated in my last quarterly report, a regular staff was appointed at the Poona station, G. I. P. Railway, to take down the addresses of passengers booked for Bombay. The work was carried on smoothly and without causing any detention or other inconvenience to passengers. The total number of persons whose addresses were noted from 2nd October to 31st December 1906 amounted to 31,294, out of which number 16,357 persons were traced at the addresses given. The rest could not be traced owing to their having given vague or incorrect addresses. Of the number traced, 16 were found to be suffering from plague and 1 from cholera. The usual precautions in the way of isolation of the sick and disinfection of premises were taken where cases of infectious disease were discovered, and the other inmates of the chawl were kept under observation in order to detect the occurrence of further cases of illness amongst them. In 1905 there was but little plague in Poona, and the efficacy of the measures above described could not therefore be determined. This year, however, it is evident that the method has been the means of detecting infection in various part of the city, and that it has thus helped the Health Department to control the spread of the disease. During the quarter the collection and examination of rats was continued, and 81,171 rats were collected and sent to the Government Laboratory and Parel. Out of this number 50,097 were not examined at they included live rats, dead rats in a putrid condition, and all rats sent on Sundays and holidays Very few live rats are now examined, as only a very small proportion of them has been found to be infected.

There were 5,432 births (exclusive of 174 still-births) registered during the quarter. Of these, 2,838 were of males and 2,594 were of females. There were 8,438 deaths registered during the quarter, being 3,023 less than in the last quarter.

Examining the statistics according to place of birth, we find that 3,321 persons, exclusive of still-born, were born in Bombay, 1,929 were born out of Bombay, and that the place of birth of 185 persons could not be traced. From Plague232 deathswere registered, being 191 less than in the last quarter but 64 more than in the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING.

Adoption of an Important Recommendation.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LUCKNOW, JANUARY 16.

A Meeting of the Allahabad University Senate was held on Tuesday last. The following important recommendation of the Faculty of Arts was adopted:—Any Master of Arts of the University may, at least three years after he has taken the M. A. Degree, be admitted to examination for the Degree of Doctor of Letters. The examination is to be entirely *viva voce* and based chiefly on an original thesis offered by the candidate at least six months before the meeting of Senate, upon any subject connected with ancient India, History, Philology, Archæology, Philosophy and Religion.

THE AMIR'S VISIT.

(CONCLUDED.)

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.)

ALIGARH, JANUARY 16.

The Amir looked well and hearty and exceedingly kind and genial and was greatly pleased with the warm response from the students and others present which marked pauses in his speech. Added to a host of distinguished Mahomedan Noblemen and gentry present there were several European gentlemen present including Mr. Hotz, a former headmaster of Aligarh, Mr. Mackenzie Williams, Mr. Jrabham, Major Woodwright, Civil Surgeon, the Collector Mr. Ingram and Commissioner Mr. Corybeare. On the Amir being seated one of the trustees deputed, Mr. Habibul Rahiman Khan, requested permission to read the address, and the same being graciously accorded by the Amir the address was read by Khan Bahadur Mezamull Ullah.

The address which was exceedingly lengthy reviewed the origin of the College and recorded the names of various benefactors who had given endowments, notably their Highnesses the Nizam, the Maharaja of Rampur, Maharajah of Bhawalpur, Mamraja of Bhopal, Maharaja of Patiala, and the Aga Khan. Reference was made to a proposal to make this College a University and the fact that on the occasion of the visit of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales a school of science was established. In the College some four lakhs rupees being collected, of which Sir Adamji Pirbhoy had given one akh and ten thousand. An Arabic chair had already been provided at Aligarh, still there was much to be done. Reference was made to the security of person and property and the blessings of peace and prosperity under British rule. Owing to lateness of the afternoon and approach of the hour of prayer the concluding two pages could not be read nor could Persian poems be recited specially composed for the occasion. His Highness the Amir, having waited a moment for his hearers in front to be seated on rose and said (speaking in simple Persian so as to be easily understood by all the students:—

The Amir's Speech.

"Many persons have spoken in various ways in matters to the detriment of Aligarh College but we have come here ourself to fully learn how much of truth there is in these allegations. We are grateful to the Government of India for permitting so large a representative gathering of Mussulman Community to meet us at this College and hear what we have to say.

"Now we come to the main purpose of our visit here. To-day when we visited this College and asked questions dwelling upon principles of Islam with those students who were present in class, we were thankful indeed to find that students whom we questioned were perfect and well conversant in the faith of Islam, (Loud and continuous applause.). We ourselves will be the first to silence those who have uttered calumnies regarding this College. (Vociferous and continued loud applause). Never will we advise that you should abstain from Western learning, rather will we urge you once, twice and even thrice to apply your minds to its learning with all the diligence and energy of which you are capable, but in doing so let the tenets and principles of Islam be your first great study. (Cheers.). For example, we have opened a college in Afghanistan, called Habibya College, and we have permitted Western knowlegde to be taught there so that the students may be perfect Mussalmans. (Cheers.). The students whom we examined to-day were perfect in the creed of Islam and we regret that we cannot help this college fully because in our country we ourselves have great need of funds for the work of education. At present we fix monthly a grant of five hundred rupees for this College. (Cheers.) We advise you that those Mussulman students whom we inspected this day after completing the religious instructions they are now receiving be sent broadcast through the country, They will be successful."

Concluding the Amir added:—

"We now donate to Aligarh college in a lump sum the amount of Rs, 20,000." This generous gift of the Amir was received with thunderous applause.

The casket containing the address was then presented to the Amir which His Highness graciously accepted and then bade goodbye to the various gentlemen who came forward, together saying that it would be his pleasure to line that evening with twenty-five of the trustees present.

After rest the Amir attended afternoon prayer and later graced a garden party on the cricket ground with his presence, proceeding therefrom to the College mosque for evening oblations. Illuminations then followed.

The Amir left for Cawnpore some two hours in advance of time of the programme.

The Directors of the Juma Musjid convene a public meeting of the Mahomedans of Bombay in the Juma Musjid to-morrow at 1 p. m. (B. T.) to consider what steps shall be taken to celebrate the historic event of the arrival of His Majesty Amir Habibulla Khan, King of Afghanistan and to give His Majesty a fitting and cordial reception.

VICEROY'S LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Bills at To-morrow's Meting.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 16.

The business before the Supreme Legislative Council on Friday the January 18th the Hon'ble Sir Harvey Adamson will move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Coroners Act 1871 and the Prisoners Act 1830

ALLAHABAD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

Business at the First Meeting.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LUCKNOW, JANUARY 16.

The first Meeting of the Allahabad University Society was held on Monday last with Sir George Knox in the chair.

The Draft Rules, slightly amended, were passed, and Mr. Jennings was elected Secretary and Messrs. Ghosh and Chatterjee, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary, respectively, to carry on work temporarily until March when the permanent elections take place

RECENT PETROLEUM EXPLOSION.

Major Williams' Recommendations.

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 16.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Major Williams R. A., Chief Inspector of Explosives, has returned to Calcutta after enquiring into the circumstances attending the explosion of the petroleum flat at Rangoon.

It is understood that he has submitted recommendations to the Local Government with the object of preventing similar occurrences in future.

THE ECLIPSE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 16.

During the Eclipse on Monday the temperature at Calcutta instead of increasing steadily as the day advanced, at first slowed down and finally stopped still at 70° for fully an hour between 11-30 and 12-30.

THE death has occurred at Nuwara Eliya Ceylon of Mrs. Brooks Smith, mother of Mrs. Elliott and grandmother of Messrs. C. Brooke Elliott, E.C. Elliott of Kandapolla, and Mrs. A. E. Gardner, at present in India, and Miss Rachael Elliott, now at home. The deceased was 85 years old, and had lived during last three years with Mr and Mrs. C. J Lallyett of Nuwara Eliya. She was a Miss Elizabeth Osborne Smith and the wife of an Indian Civil Servant, and lived long in Darjeeling during the time of the Indian mutiny. Her daughter married Mr. E. Elliott, the veteran Ceylon Government Agent, presently on the pension list, and at home he had been lately declining steadily in health.

HYDERABAD NOTES AND NEWS.

HYDERABAD, DECCAN, JANUARY 12.

THE LATE NAWAB ZAFFAR JUNG.

By order of H. H. the Nizam's Government, a special notification was issued from the Finance Office on Thursday last ordering that all the Government offices in His Highness' Dominions shall be closed for two days in memory of the deceased—in Hyderabad on Friday and Saturday and in the districts the two days succeeding the receipt of the notification. The Military Department, of which the late Nawab was the *Muin-ul-Maham*, was closed for three days— Thursday, Friday, and on Saturday.

THE CURRENCY.

Mr. G. Casson Walker is engaged in trying to solve the problems affecting the State's Copper Currency—the *Dubs*. It would appear that more than seven crores of these coins have been issued from the Mint up to now and are in circulation in addition to the old *Alamgiri dubs*, which have not been withdrawn from circulation. Yet it is not known where these are gone and why the market is so tight notwithstanding the seven crores of new *dubs* being added. It is also curious to note that before the new *dubs* were issued, the exchange rate was 25 *Gundas* per rupee, but since their introduction it has gone down to 20 *Gundas*. It is a matter for congratulation that the rate of exchange of the rupee itself now represents almost a fixed standard, and it is hoped that there will not be any more serious fluctuations there. The Treasury has been amply stocked with the new rupees and any amount of them is made available for the public at any time. The Mint is therefore engaged at present in the coinage of copper coins alone, and with the help of three additional machines which have been sent for, it is hoped to increase the stock as well as the supply of the *dubs* also. But it is one thing to have a ply of the *dubs* also. But it is one thing to have a good supply and it is another to expect the *Shroffs* to do their work honestly. An unlimited supply should no doubt compel them to exchange *dubs* at a fair rate, but unless Government introduces some legislative measures against malpractices, the *Shroffs* are not likely to help to bring exchange to the standard rate.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Nawab Imad-ul-Mulk, Bahadur, has returned from leave and taken over charge of his duties from Mr. E. A. Seaton.

THE CITY MUNICIPALITY.

Mr. Bakshi Raghunath Pershad, the officiating Chief Justice, has been appointed President of the Municipality for the current year in addition to his usual duties. *Apropos* of the Municipality, the appointment of an Engineer in addition to the Superintendent seems to be superfluous. When this appointment was made about six months ago, it was supposed that it was only temporary and that it was done with the object of meeting the necessites of work as the Superintendent was on special duty elsewhere. But now the Engineer seems to be a permanent fixture. If so, it should be seen what work the Superintendent will be entrusted with.

SUMMONING OF RECORDS.

A Circular has been recently issued that the records of one office are not to be sent for by another office, even by heads of Departments, without the sanction of the Government. The object of this order, it is said, is to prevent delay and unnecessary interference. But it is curious that this Circular has been made applicable to Courts of Judicature also. No Court, including the High Court, can now send for any record from an office which is said to be of a confidential nature or in which the Government may be interested. The general rule in such matters is that when a party requires to prove any document contained in the records of any public office, he shall get a certified copy of the same from that office and produce it in Court. But there are certain documents of which no copy could be had. So the party who rests his claim on such a document can neither get a copy of the same from the office in which the file containing that document may be, nor can he cause the Court before which the matter for disposal is pending to send for the record!

GOVERNMENT *vs.* NUJUMMUDEEN AND OTHERS.

The case of Nujummudeen and three others, which was challanged before the Cantonment Magistrate of Secunderabad on a charge of culpable homicide not amounting to murder with respect to some men of the 2nd Rajputs stationed at Chilculdguda, which was kept aside pending extradition proceedings, is again to the fore. The accused Nujummudeen and his friends appeared before the Chief City Magistrate with a petition stating that they were prepared to stand their trial before him, and as the alleged occurrence took place within his jurisidiction and they were likewise living there, there was no necessity for any extradition proceedings. Mr. Des Santos, Barrister-at-law, appeared in their behalf, and the Magistrate has represented to the Cantonment Magistrate at Secunderabad that as the accused had appeared before him, there was no necessity for any extradition proceedings; that their bail there might be cancelled; and that the Secunderabad Police and the Military authorities should be directed to appear before him and prosecute the case.

THE THEOSOPICAL SOCIETY.

The local branch of the Theosophical Society are to be congratulated on their possessing one of the best buildings in the Residency Bazaars through the munificence of Mr. Pestonji Dadabai, late Commissioner of Customs, who has erected and presented the building at a cost of Rs. 12,000. It has been transferred and registered in the name of the Indian Section of the Theosophical Society, whose headquarters is Benares. The Society also owns furniture and books to the value of about Rs. 5,000, obtained by subscriptions and donations, of which Rs. 1,000 was given by Rai Bahadur Sett Ramgopal, of Secunderabad.

THE IN-COMING MAIL.

THE P. and O. Co.'s Mail steamer "Egypt" which is expected to arrive in Bombay to-morrow from England brings the following passengers:—

FROM LONDON.

Adams, Mr R P
Beales, Mr R D
Blomfield, Mr W
Bamer, Mr H D
Bonham, Col J
Bickham, Mr J
Brown, Mr J
Bristol, Mr T
Chalis, Mr W Mrs and 2 children
Clemow, Mr C and Mrs
Dods, Mr D
Driscoll, Mr J P
Duncan, Miss J
Davy, Miss H L
Fuller, Rev A R and Mrs
Forward, Miss
Fane, Mr A O
Griffith, Miss A W
Hayter, Mr O C G and Mrs and 2 children
Hooton, Miss P E
Heyes, Mr Thos,
Haskins, Miss
Jones, Miss M
o to, Miss
McMaster, Miss E
Moses, Mr T A
Owen-Morgan, Miss
Poynter, Lt and Col and Mrs
Phillips, Mrs
Phillips, Miss D
Pike, Miss A
Peters, Mr G C
Rose, Mr W C
Robson, Mr C O
Smith, Mrs and 2 children
Smith, Miss
Thorburn, Mr
Taylor, Mrs Miss and Mr G
Willis, Mr H H
Waller, Rev E H M
Webber, Mr A A L A
Wilkins, Miss
Wheeler, Miss

FROM MARSEILLES

Anderson, Mr J S
Archibir, Mr J
Blower, Miss
Barratt Miss
Bird, Mr G R
Blaicheck, Miss G
Carnegy, Mr A St C B
Clatterbuck, Mr F H
Churchill, Mr W W
Clark, Mr R M
Coleman, Mr F M
Colling, Mr R
Cole, Mr A F
Chaster, Mr A B
Dillon, Mr C C M and Miss
French, Mr L
Glen, Mrs and 2 children
Grant, Miss
Griffin, Mrs H D
Goldsmith, Professor H D
Gans, Mr S and Mrs
Hill, Miss Lillie
Hill Major
Killican, Mr J Mc
Alog, Mr E
Kinloch, Mr J L
Lankester, Mrs and child
Lankester, Dr A
Lottan, Dr Miss E
Lawson, Mr W and Mrs
Myers, Miss J L
Marshall, Mr A and Mrs
McLeod, Mr D B
Morrison, Mr A J
Pegese, Mr N
Pouney, Mrs
Pope, Mr T A
Quicke, Mrs
Richardson, Mr A W
Reynolds, Mr W F
Saravanga, Mr P A
Smilen, Miss
Sulivan, Mr W G
Stannard, Miss E
Salmondson, Miss C
Stevens, Mr J A
Stanford, Nurse
Smith, Rev W G
Stevens, Mrs J A
Squire, Mr H
Sidney Mr G L
Thorpe, Mr W A C
Tinkler, Mr W S
Unna, Mr O W
Warden, Major H L
Williams, Mr W P C
Worrsell, Miss
Wilson, Mr J A M

FROM BRINDISI.

Macfadyin, Mr M
Tozar, Maj A M
Withell,

FROM PORTS?

Carson, Mrs H C
Davies, Mrs J P
Meanes, Mr W Mrs and Miss
Mack, Dr I. and Mrs
Wilson, Miss

FOR KARACHI.

Barnett, Mr R
Chichester, Mr R
Laker, Mr L E
Murray, Mr H B
Mactar, Mr J D
Richardson, Mrs H L
Swyny, Mr A M
Stinton, Mrs T G and child

FOR CALCUTTA AND RANGOON.

Fox, Mr H H Mrs and Miss,

SPORTING NEWS.

BOMBAY 6TH EXTRA MEETING.

SATURDAY'S HANDICAPS.

The Newmarket Plate.—5 furlongs.

Kellua	10 7,	Adelaide	8 8,
Metal Maid	9 0,	Posco	8 7,
Royalist	8 13,	Gun Metal	8 3,
Baritone	8 10,	Vocalist	8 2,
Harpest	7 11.		
Epitome	7 6.		
Maraschino	7 0.		
Russley Maid	6 12		

Top weight not accepting weights to be raised 4 lbs.

The Dharni Road Plate.—5 furlongs.

Mameluke	10 3,	Hampstead	8 2,
Precious	10 1,	Tachreet	8 0,
Skylark	8 13,	Berlin	7 12,
Ajae	8 6,	Bending	7 9,
Moorcel	8 4,	Young Kaiser	7 4,
Royal	7 0		
Multiform	6 10.		
Panala II	7		

Two Top weights not accepting weights to be raised 4lbs.

The Plate.—6 furlongs.

Comeback	10 3	Mandeville	8 6,
Gun metal	10 2,	Koko	7 10,
Russley Rose	9 7,	Ceres	7 9.
Recovery	7 8.		
Achievement	6 12,		

Two Top weights not accepting weights to be raised 4 lbs.

The Little Arab Plate.—6 furlongs.

Hermit	10 4	Little Joker	7 13
Rose	9 10	Young Gazette	7 11
Scimitar	9 5,	Darby	7 11
Mint	9 3,	Shanwar	7 10
Grey Falion	7 9.		
Zurriff	7 6.		
Advocate-General	7 0.		
Shabeb	6 8.		

Top weight not accepting weight to be raised 4 lb

CEYLON TURF CLUB.

A Pari Mutuel To be Tried.

The following circular has been issued to members of the Ceylon Turf Club:—

Dear Sir,—At the annual general meeting held on 23rd October last, the feeling was practically unanimous against allowing a book-maker in the enclosures this year, and the stewards gather that this feeling is very generally endorsed by a large majority of of the members of the Club.

Under these circumstances it has been decided not to grant a permit to any book-maker this year, but to give a fair trial to the Pari Mutuel instead.

The working of the Pari Mutuel is doubtless familiar to most members of the Club, but, in order that there may be no misunderstanding the system under which it will be worked is detailed below for your information.—By order of the Stewards, J. LOCHORE.

RULES FOR WORKING THE PARI MUTUEL.

1. Boxes to receive tickets, one box for each race will be placed in a convenient position on the race course.

2 Tickets will be issued in duplicate. Both "Original and Duplicate" will have a space left for the date, number of race, and the name of the horse to be inserted, and the backer's signature. The original must be posted in the proper box before the flag falls, and the "Duplicate" portion must be retained in order to present it for payment in the event of the horse named proving the winner.

3. The value of tickets will be R10, R50, and R100, and the total face value of all the tickets in the box at the fall of the flag will be devided amongst the winners after deducting 10 o/o for the Turf Club. (Should the total sum not be equally divisible by ten, fraction of a rupee will beiong to the Club).

4 Books of tickets, of various values, may be obtained on payment from the Secretary, Ceylon Turf Club, before the races commence, or on the course whilst the races are in progress.

5. For the convenience of members, cheques will be accepted in payment for books of tickets purchased previously to the day of the races, but on the race course all transactions must be in cash.

The checking and accounting will be carried out as quickly as possible after each race, and it is expected that winners will receive their dividends in about half an hour from the start of the race. A statement will be posted up, showing the number of tickets found in the box for each horse in the race and the sum to be distributed in dividends.

The face value of unused tickets in books will be refunded by the Ceylon Turf Club after the meeting, provided always that they be returned intact and have not been removed from the books in which they were sold. Application must be made to the Secretary on Monday, 21st January, or the two following days, after which dates no refund will be made for unused tickets. No refund will be made for tickets sold singly.

A "CAPT. KOEPENICK" AT NAWALAPITIYA.

The Police Fooled.

ONE Weerasinghe, a Sinhalese lad, possessed of some school training and intelligence, is reported to have attempted to play the role of detective at Nawalapitiya with some success. It appears he visited the house of Mr. Clovis de Silva, of the O. G. R. Nawalepitiya and, telling the servant that he was a detective officer, started "operations." He first went to the meat-safe and commenced with a hearty lunch, after which he possessed himself of a towel and decamped! The procedure of the detective officer not appealing to the servant, he hurried to his master at the Railway station and told him all, with the result the Police captured the would-be "Capt. Koepenick" without loss of time. He did not deny having eaten the tiffin and taken the towel. The servant treated him to the meal he said, and had lent him the towel so that he might have a bath. The Police let him out on personal bail, but it is alleged that he has disappeared.—*Times of Ceylon.*

DISTRESSING SICKNESS.

Widow's Sufferings from Nausea and Headaches ended by Bile Beans.

To ailing women everywhere the story told by Mrs. Mary Edwards, of 10, Linden Crescent, Folkestone, to a reporter of the "Folkestone Express" will convey a welcome message of hope and encouragement.

"For fourteen years I never knew what it was to get up in the morning without severe pains in the head, often followed by most distressing sickness," said Mrs. Edwards to the reporter. "I was always tired and depressed, and the smell of cooking would produce nausea and heavy headache. I was so weak and wretchedly ill at times, that I was quite unfit for my work. My appetite was very poor, and I always had to be extremely careful what I ate."

"I was often attended by doctors during the severe attacks, and never derived any permanent benefit from their treatment. Reading in the local papers of similar cases having been cured by Bile Beans I tried the same remedy. Soon I lost the feeling of heaviness which had so long oppressed me. I began to feel brighter in the morning, my appetite improved, one and by one all the distressing symptoms passed away until I was quite cured. I get up in the morning now bright and cheerful, and free from headaches. I can do my household work without trouble, I have an excellent appetite, and I am splendid health." Bile Beans for Biliousness cure all forms of liver and stomach disorders.

All chemists and medicine vendors sell Bile Beans at Re. 1 and Rs. 2-4 per bottle, or it may, he had, post paid and packed free from the Bile Beans Co's Head Indian Depot, 9, Dalhousie Square, Calcutta, on receipt of prices: Re. 1-2 and Rs.2-8 per bottle.

FREE SAMPLE.

Cut out this coupon and send with one anna stamp to the Bile Bean Mfg. Co.'s Head Indian Depot, 9, Dalhousie Square, Calcutta, to obtain a free sample bottle of Bile Beans.

Write address clearly.

"Bombay Gazette" 17th January, 1907.

AN ENORMOUS CANVAS.

Voina i Mir (War and Peace).

"Oh! dans quel désespoir nous sommes encore tous! "Vous avez élargi le collier qui nous lie. "Mais qui donc tient la chaine?—oh Dieu juste est ce Vous?" (Oh! what despair we are all in yet! You have widened the collar which binds us. But who holds then the chain? Oh just God, is it you?)

There are in it crowded groups and numerous figures. Your curiosity turns into wonder, wonder into admiration. The current bears you on. You do not see its depth. You pass from surprise to surprise. The author is a true Scythian. He has broken with the past. He has shaken off foreign servitude. He is restive under restraint of European taste. He does not know to restrict himself or to concentrate. Does not half a chord fill the ear with melody? Did we glide sleepily along the canal in a boat, this ponderous master-piece were a treasure. But it is a burden. Where to find the leisure for it now? It has disappeared with the elder Mr. Weller working the Ipswich coach. Rails and wires and phones have killed it. If the most interesting works are those which faithfully translate the existence of a fraction of humanity at a given moment in history, the 19th century has produced nothing more so than these three bulky volumes.

A RUSSIAN SHAKESPEARE.

EvenBalzac in his *Comedie humaine* did not set himself to so gigantic a task. There is the aroma of Shakespeare in it cried Flaubert in a thundering voice, stamping his foot. It is an image of compact life and of moral chaos where it suffers. He copies it and consigns it collected in its material and ideal extension of time and of space, of beauty, grace, energy, violence, pathos and thought. Twenty years of the history of Europe figure in it. Twenty years of a couchement of the Modern World attended with bloodshed! Twenty years of the Great Napoleanic Wars, of time worn out with events, and conspicuous personages. Therein is portrayed the social existence of his nation from Moujik to Tsar, from children to old women, from young girls to soldiers, in bivouac, camp, court or club; family, shanty or palace; the masses, the troops, the councils, the eminent and isolated thinkers, marriages adulteries, births, life above all the slow evolution of all those soft youthful bodies inured in mature age and sinking into decrepitude, all the light minds, then serious, then sullied and vacillating, till comes at last sooner or later on the bare earth or the dainty bed, that supreme term of death, that mysterious moment when in spite of the distracted horror of the living, certain existing beings similar to those who contemplate them cease strangely to be: a problem and a spectacle on which no romance-writer has fixed a more steady and penetrating gaze than has Count Tolstoi,

THE GENIUS OF THE SLAV AND THE LATIN RACE.

War and peace has no subject so to say. It is neither dramatic nor psychologic. The analysis of a state of mind, the study of a passion, a faculty or an accident it is none of these. It is an amalgam, a unique alliance between the great epic inspiration and the infinitesimals of analysis. It is a chef-d'œuvre in bronze. Can you call it a romance? Chapters of history, chapters of philosophy, chapters of politics are piled up pell-mell in this encyclopedia of the Russian world. A very loose and a very simple thread of romantic action runs through them all. Life in it is what it is by essence, a transition, a flow, a slow combustion with thousands of figures in embers getting ashy. This comes of the races of the North—the Slav or Anglo-German, having a genius for the relative, when that of the Latin race is for the absolute. Take Alfieri's "Merope" or Corneille's "Horace" and contrast it with Shakespeare's "Macbeth" or Schiller's "Wallenstein."

In the first is a central figure with some scarce secondary figures and an action rigidly limited. In the second is a riotous multitude rushing athwart successive events, as if a piece were detached out of general life without dressing or mutilation. Nothing is more marvellously identical with the real than the growing, gradual transformations of minds ever alike to themselves, and yet ever new in the becoming unfolded fold by fold. Behold the blooming Natacha, with her ravishing eyes of a child-queen! Her sprightly charm, her merry surprise of a young girl the most choice, the most thrilling, the most gracefully and tenderly pretty that ever figured in books, her frenzy of passion, her secret sadness coupled with the progressive callousness of Prince Bolkonsky, imperious, freakish, extravagantly irate, and sinking on his bed of death into the timorous sweetness of an oldish-child in need of nursing. Out of that throng moving about, the interest centres in

TWO CONSPICUOUS FIGURES.

They are Prince Andre Bolkonsky and Count Pierre Bezouchof. All the thoughts and contradictions which torment the Russian mind and of the author's are reflected in them. Andre is a nobleman of a superior race, proud, cold, stiff with the secret sentimentality of sad thinkers, immeshed in a delicate love, lost in a labyrinth of faiths renounced and resumed, towering above the life he looks down upon, till at last, he lies mortally wounded on the field of Austerlitz, his eyes fixed on Heaven, so high, so far away and eternal, and in his long agony exclaims, "if I can but say now, O Lord have pity on me! But who can I say it to! An indefinite force, inaccessible, to whom I cannot address myself, nor can I express in words the Great All, or the Great Nothing, or is it perhaps the God Mary has sown up in the amulet she has given me? Nothing, there is nothing certain, except the nothingness of all I can conceive, and the majesty of something august that I cannot conceive!" The note is Byronion. Young Russia blasé played Childe Harold. The obsession was strong. Poets like Pouchkine and Lermontoff flew to the Caucasus, sick with the sickness of civilisation, the ennui of life in Petersburg. Pierre is heavy, enormous carnous and carnal but secretly undermined by the same growing uneasiness. Tossed by theosophic and religious systems he waxes now in faith, now in appetite, and is weighed down by the gross sensuality of his club comrades. Alas! Holy Moscow is in flames. Pierre leaves his palace like one affected with hallucination. He loses himself among plebians in a peasant's garb. He has a vague project of killing Napoleon that he may be a martyr and the expiatory victim of his people. Two sentiments incite him to it. The need of sacrifice and of suffering in the midst of a nation's misfortune, the second a sentiment exclusively Russian. It is indefinable, a contempt for all that is conventional, artificial, human, all that the majority of men prize as the sovereign good in this world. It is a strange and intoxicating feeling he feels for the first time, when he has suddenly given up wealth, power, life, all that we are at such pains to preserve as worth nothing, or worth the pleasure only attached to their sacrifice. Under that thick exterior is the subtle mystic soul of a Hindu monk. Pierre is taken a prisoner by the French. Among those he messes with is a poor devil of a soldier, Platon Karatief, a peasant "a finished and finite clod, untroubled by a spark" of doubt. The fellow endures the misery of those terrible days, with the humble resignation of a beast of burden. He looks at Pierre, and smiles a simple, innocent smile. He speaks a few words breathing of brotherhood and above all of fatalism, and no repining. One evening Platon is done up and cannot go a step. The last soldiers of the file shoot him in the snow. He accepts death with his characteristic indifference, like a sick dog. This works a moral revolution in the mind of Pierre. The civilised and savant noble puts himself to this primary creature's school. He has found his ideal of life at last. He has attained the supreme avator, mystic indifference. Had Tolstoi a presentiment, when he wrote the episode that he too would one day find his Karatief, pass through the same crisis, and put himself to the same school to go out of it regenerated?

A LESSON FOR US TO LEARN.

Tolstoi declaims against life as it is based on a lie. It is praiseworthy of him to proclaim it aloud, that the ground work of our Society is false, and that it is time to find new resources and moral conditions on which to base the future of a nation. "I wish to teach the children of the people to write and to think. But it is I, who ought to learn at their school. We seek our idea before us, while it is behind. The development of man is not the means of realising the ideal of harmony we carry in us. It is on the contrary an obstacle to its realisation. A healthy child which comes into this world fully satisfies the ideal of truth, of beauty and of goodness, from which it travels further and further with every day of its growth. It is nearer the unthinking creatures, animals, plants, nature which last is the eternal type of truth, beauty and goodness." Is there not in this a touch of asceticism, the cult of the yogi, of the unmoved fakir contemplating his navel? This reminds us of the simple, good-natured Karatief, who pulled off his boots and socks, and squated with his hands crossed on his knees, staring at Pierre. The West is not the land of such ascetic wanderings. India is the home of these doctrines. But in the frenzy which plunges a part of Russia into this moral and intellectual abnegation, those doctrines scarcely modified revive now in a state of stupor, of quietism, now sublime with devotion like the gospel of Buddah. "One touch of nature makes the whole world kin." Tolstoi does not preach revolt. Where is the good? The week alone revolt. It is for them a consolation. The strong need no consoling. They smile at the injustice imposed on them. It is not of men they ask justice. They ask it of their conscience. Tolstoi's passivity does not mean indifference, but action on our owneselves, our minds, our morals, so much self control worthy the name of men.

"A people is but the attempt of many
"To rise to the completer life of one;
"And those who live as models for the mass
"Are singly of more value than they all."

All our faiths all our ideas are but relative hypotheses and everything considered there is but one thing real, absolute positive, palpitating, and that is individual suffering. We know not whether to laugh or to weep during our term of life, but this we knew perfectly that we suffer ".....*L'angoscia delle genti che son quaggiu nel viso mi dipigne "Quella pieta che tu per tema senti.*" (The anguish of those down below impregnates my face with pity, which you take for fright) says Dante's guide as he descends the limbo. It is this pity he feels that draws Tolstoi to the masses. He cannot unravel this enigma of grief, but he feels it all the same. Why kill each other for religious hypotheses, when we carry in us a natural religion indefinable, which no scientific discovery, no progress, no revolution has ever been able to abolish, and that is of human suffering? Under the combined influence of the old Aryan spirit in the people and of lessons from Schopenhauer among the cultivated classes there is a veritable resurrection of Buddhism and when is this solidarity to be attained? "March on," said the sage to the wayfarer who asked what distance it was to the next village.

PESTONJI DORABJI KHANDALEVALA.

O. AND R. RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

Supposed Running against Signals.

TWO LIVES LOST.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LUCKNOW, JANUARY 16.

A serious accident, resulting in the loss of two lives occurred at Fyzabad on the Oudh and Rohilkhand Railway loop line on Monday night to the down Passengor train from Lucknow. The train ran into a dead siding, climbed over the dead end and struck a gate but which collapsed killing the two pointsmen who occupied it. The driver and the stoker jumped off before the engine crashed through the hut, but the khallasi remained at his post.

The engine was completely wrecked and several carriages were damaged. No

BY THE WAY.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF YOUTH.

A CANADIAN teacher has tried the experiment of asking her class, between the ages of nine and fourteen, "Suppose this morning an all wise man were to enter our classroom, what six things would you ask" and in the January *Pall Mall Magazine* some of the responses are given. A few are the first questionings of natural philosophy—"Why is it that the sun only goes half-way round the earth?" "Why is it that we don't slip off the earth?" If the earth stopped what would happen to us." "How big is a volcano inside?" One question is clearly offered as a bid for popularity with the teachers. "Please can you tell me all about history?" The inquirer was ready to suffer in order to please. There are, of course, numerous problems for theological casuists. "When the world comes to an end, how can the people be united if parts of their bodies are in different parts of the world?" Why did the Lord make many planets instead of one large one?" "Why did Joseph not tell his brethren he was their brother the first time they came down to Egypt to buy corn?" "Why did Noah take some animals into the ark and leave others to get drowned?" The little victim who asked "What does ignorance personified mean?" affords gratifying evidence of a clumsy sarcasm having missed fire. Doubtless it is a little girl who craves to know Who is the prettiest person in the worlds?' But the most informing question of all is that of the youngest girl in the class who wrote in the middle of a sheet of foolscap, Please would you tell me what my mother thinks every day in her mind? How the questioner must have studied and wondered at the fascinating puzzle-nothing less than the psychology of that incomprehensible and, to the child, irrational creature, the grown-up person.

LEGAL DISPENSARIES.

The Poor Man's Lawyer is much to the fore just now, in view of the attempt being made in London to start a Central Legal Aid Society with the object of giving legal advice to people unable to pay for it. "Legal dispensaries," it is hoped, will be established in various part of the country. The lawyer—or, rather, lawyers, for there are sixteen of them, acting as a rota of four—receives applicants for advice in the Ancoats Art Museum once a week. Last year alone there were 1,175 new cases, making necessary more than 3,000 interviews. Most of the cases relate to differences between employers and workmen. There is a large group of difficulties as to insurance and friendly societies. It is quite usual for an applicant to bring a sheaf of eight or ten policies, on which the weekly payments will amount to 10 per cent. of his earnings. "The result," the lawyers report, "of this wholesale insurance of every relative (which is nothing less than a mild form of gambling) is that most of the policies sooner or later fall in arrear and are lapsed by the insurance company." Working men are also frequently in hot water over "instalment" payments. They purchase things that are not really needed at prices far above their market value. Often, the lawyers report, nearly all the instalments have been paid, and then, owing perhaps to an unforeseen accident, the payments fall into arrear, and "the furniture owner swoops down upon it and carries it away."

WOMAN'S REALM.

It is noticable that nearly always husbands send their wives to the Settlement to explain matters to the lawyers. As Judge Parry once remarked in the County Court, the wife is often the lawyer of the family, and far superior to the husband in explaining facts. If a young married couple, for instance, have undertaken to buy a piano on the hire system, with a joint income of £2 a week, it is the wife who comes to the lawyer and takes advice as to how to get rid of the white elephant. If a child is injured, the mother invariably comes on its behalf. Gleams of humour occasionally relieve the lawyer's routine. Once a woman was shown into the room who seemed to find it difficult to say what she wanted. After much coughing and clearing of the voice she explained: "I've a tickling at the back of my throat. I'd like something done to it, as it causes me a good deal of trouble." It soon appeared that the woman thought it was a medical dispensary.

"SEMPER VIVAT."

He was a down-at-heel shrivelled old man and the resemblance of his knock to the postman vigorous rat-tat drew the householder to the door in keen expectancy. There was thrust in his face a basketful of greenery which looked like dried lichen and this strange stuff he was requested to buy at twopence a bunch. "Remarkable plant" said the seller glancing upwards to see if the householder was credulous. 'Semper vivat' it is called. You read your Bible of course? If you look in Isaiah you will find as how the Virgin Mary picked some of this stuff on her way to Jerusalem, and it lived ever afterwards. That is why it is called Semper vivat. Take a bunch mister and Heaven will bless you as well as an old man who has seen better days. The plant was the Rose of Sharon its peculiarity being that when placed in water it flowers in a couple of days. The householder invested twopence satisfied that however the purchase might turn out the Bible narrative was worth the mony with an old man's benediction into the bargain.

"OGLING" SPIDERS.

Mr. W. Strickland, of Singapore, recently had a strange experience while sitting in a garden at Buitenzorg, Java. Watching a captive spider, remarkable for the possession of a pair of eyes which glow like "gig lamps" amid a cluster of smaller eyes, he was amazed to note that the "gig-lamps" slowly changed in colour from brown to grass-green and back again to brown! Further, as if to increase astonishment, the creature proceeded to change the colour of his eyes alternately, thereby exercising a most uncanny fascination over the mere man! There was something so diabolically deliberate in these changes as to make it seem that the actor took a genuine pride in the performance! The offer of a substantial reward for other specimens of the same species proved unavailing, but it was instrumental in bringing to light a second species of a grass-green colour slashed with yellow, which proved in every way as great an expert in the gentle art of "ogling" as its more sombrely coloured relative. So far as is known this change in the colour of the eyes occurs only in certain species of ducks, and then only under the influence of fear, while in the spider it would almost appear to be voluntary.

THE EMPEROR AND THE DEATH WARRANT.

A touching little story is related in the *Reader* of the aged Emperor of Austria. The other day a death warrant was given him to sign. He read carefully the documents bearing on the case, and afterwards sat for some time in deep thought. At last, with a sigh of evident reluctance, he took up the pen and began slowly tracing his signature. But as he wrote two large tears rolled down his cheeks and fell upon the paper. "Look!" he said, throwing aside the pen and turning to his secretary, "I cannot sign this. See for yourself! My tears have blotted it out. I grant the condemned man his life. Surely Heaven wills it so!"

HIS AFFABILITY AND KINDNESS.

Of his affability and kindness much is said. One day he attended the jiu-jitsu exercises in the wrestling school of the nobles, when a tall, strong fellow was to measure his strength with the Crown Prince. The Prince, after a short defence, was thrown to the ground, and had to declare himself vanquished. All those present feared the Mikado might give expression to his displeasure. Mutsuhito, however, grasped the hand of the wrestler who had overpowered Prince Yoshito and said; You are a brave champion; keep yourself strong and skilled. My son will one day need men as brave and skilled as you."

IN PROGRESS.

(A parody revived and brought up to date.)

She wore determination
The moment that we met;
Her burst of indignation
Proclaimed the Suffragette.

Her eyes possessed a brightness—
Her words a ringing tone—
The tokens of a woman's wish
To call a vote her own.

I saw her in the Lobby,
And methinks I see her now,
With that grim determination
Upon her classic brow.

A different appearance,
When next I looked, she wore;
She seemed to be contending
With someone on the floor;

And standing by her side was one
Who tried, though all in vain,
To make her quit that blessed spot
And from her noise refrain.

I saw her but a moment,
But methinks I see her now,
With her hat a little sideways
Upon her chisell'd brow.

And once again I see that face:
No hat at all is there,
A heavy hand has rumpled
That wealth of braided hair.

She shrieks in angry protest,
But impotent each cry—
A strident voice says, "Come along!"—
A voice she can't defy.

She vanishes completely,
Yet methinks I see her now,
In the arms of stern policemen
For kicking up a row.

The Sampler in Public Opinion.

MEN AND MATTERS.

THOSE who are still numbered among old Addiscombe cadets will learn with regret of the death of Major General C. Irvine, who entered the College of "John Company" in 1842. On going out to India he joined the 51st Bengal Infantry and was soon engaged in the Gwalior campaign followed by the Sutlej campaign. He took an active part in the first and second sieges of Mooltan and at the time of the Sepoy rebellion was in command of Fort Michnio. Latter he accompanied his regiment to China and participated in the Kushi expedition under Sir Hope Grant. Only a few months ago he was given the rank of Honorary Colonel of the 27th Punjabis as being the only surviving officer who joined when the 51st Bengal Infantry was thus converted.

Another officer who saw service during the Indian Mutiny, and whose death is announced was Sirdar Bahadur Mir Mahomed Hashim Risaldar Major of the 12th Bengal Cavalry. Like his father and grandfather, he distinguished himself in the military service of the Crown. During the second Afhgan war, when he was placed in command of a troop at Shahr'baba, his conduct won for him high encomiums. The *Times* recalls that Lord Roberts, in his "Forty-one Years in India," says that the Risaldar Major, who retired in 1899 after forty-four years' service, "particularly distinguished himself," managing matters so well "that supplies were regulary brought in and most correct information was received of all that was going on in the neighbourhood."

Probably the last surviving living link with Goethe has been snapped by the death of the oldest inhabitant of the Hanoverian university town of Gottingen, at the age of nearly 99 years. The oldest inhabitant was Frau Betthmann, widow of a former landlord of the hotel Zur Krone. Frau Betthmann spent her youth at Weimar, and was well acquainted with the poet Goethe.

The Hon. Oliver Henry Wallop is evidently bent on following in the footsteps of Lord Fairfax, inasmuch as he is taking out papers and going through the necessary formula to become an American citizen. He is the second brother to the Earl of Portsmouth, and, fifteen years ago, emigrated to Wyoming, where he tried his hand at ranching. Always keen on an open air life, it was not long before his modest beginning exhibited signs of success. Every few months showed the Hon. Mr. Wallop acquiring more land and extending operations, until to-day his ranch at Big Horn, Sheridan Country, Wyoming is one of the most prosperous in the States. In 1897 he married Miss Marguerite Walker, a handsome and well-knit lady, daughter of Judge Walker of Chicago, and the wedding was one of the most fashionable of the year. Then he and his bride, leaving the social whirl behind them, went home to the ranch where they live healthily and happily.

The Wallop family has always been renowned for its curiously original way of looking at things. Amongst some people it even has the reputation of eccentricity. The father of the present Earl of Portsmouth and the Hon. Mr. Wallop was one of the very few peers who ever refused the Order of the Garter. "No," he replied, when the honour was offered to him by Mr. Gladstone, then prime Minister, "I have never rendered any service to the public which entitles me to this distinction," and on these rather unsual grounds he refused it. Various members of the family have been responsible for actions equally strange. The present Earl of Portsmouth—who has always championed the evangelical party—has been called "The Motorist's Friend." Not so hery long ago he learnt that a few too-zealous policemen had measured off a distuce on the main road near the boundaries of his Hurstbourne Park estate. Resenting this interference with the sacred rights of the automobile, the Earl at once set up large notice boards, on which were inscribed this incisive message:

"MOTORISTS, BEWARE! POLICE TRAP.
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The Earl's "American" brother is exceedingly popular in the States, and a seat for him in Congress is one of the commonest of prophecies.

Major-General Lord Cheylesmore, the sportsman, *dilettante*, and soldier, has just ceased to be actively connected with His Majesty's forces, and has passed into official privacy on retired pay. Lord Cheylesmore, who next month will enter upon his sixtieth year is the Chairman of the Council of the National Rifle Association. It is due to his untirin efforts that the interest in rifle shooting betweeng the Colonies and the Motherland has been developed and sustained. Under his guidance the civilian rifle-club movement has been developed until now there are upwards of 1,000 in existence, with an aggregate of 70,000 members. In addition, the successful school-boy's Bisley, which supplied the Press with so much "copy," was another idea promoted by Lord Cheylesmore's Council. "The Shooting Man's Friend," as he is called, was educated at Eton, and served in the Grenadier Guards. When the old colonel of the 2nd Battalion retired (under memorable circumstances) and the regiment was banished to Bermuda, Lord Cheylesmore—as General Eaton—was appointed to the command, and the "vexed Bermoothes" knew him for a considerable time. Here he met the beautiful Miss Elizabeth Ormond French, of New York, whom, in 1892, he led to the altar. Ten years later his brother, the second Baron, died unmarried, and the pretty American girl became an English peeress. The peerage is quite a modern creation being one of eight conferred in celebration of the Jubilee of Queen Victoria. The first peer was Mr. William Henry Eaton, the famous silk broker, who represented Coventry in the House of Commons for more than twenty years.

Lord Cheylesmore, who has been Mayor of Westminster, is an extremely busy man and turns every moment to useful account. He has dabbled in journalism, for he founded and edited for many years the *Guards' Magazine*. Then his collections of medals—which include no fewer than eight Victoria Crosses, nearly 150 Waterloo and Crimean decoration, besides numerous orders and other distinctions conferred on British subjects by foreign Sovereigns—is as unequalled as it is valuable. Lord Cheylesmore is an authority on martial decorations, and his book, "The Naval and Military Decorations of Great Britain," is the text-book on the subject. He also possesses what is supposed to be the finest collection of mezzotint ever got together by a private, enthusiast. One of his treasures is a peculiar depiction of a dream on canvas. Several years ago he dreamt he was present at the St. Leger and saw a certain horse, not the favourite by any means pass the winning-post in unexpected victory. A day or two later the race was run, and every incident visionally anticipated by Lord Cheylesmore became an accomplished fact. The late Count Gleichen was so impressed that he immortalised the event by transferring it to canvas, and there it is to-day a tribute to an interesting example of clairvoyance. Lord Cheylesmore is one of the courtliest of gentlemen, a good sportsman, rows and rides well, is an excellent whip, and is, naturally, a first-rate shot. He has done admirable work for various military charities, is a prominent Freemason, and the most popular of soldier peers. Both he and Lady Cheylesmore—who, by the way, started the coil industry in Ireland, by means of which many Irish peasant women are enabled to live—are keen golfers, and are often to be seen on the links at North Berwick. The Army's loss will probably be the gain of the Borough of Westminster, in the municipal affairs of which Lord Cheylesmore is keenly interested.

The Hon. Neil James Archibald Primrose, the second son of the Earl af Rosebery, who is bent on following in his father's footsteps, will be one of the most interesting candidates in the forthcoming London County Council elections. The young politician, who was four-and twenty on December 14th, is, of course, the only brother of Lord Dalmeny. He is extremly handsome, and suggests his father in the days of his youth. Of average height, with a firm, well-shaped mouth and good-humoured eyes, he should make a favourable impression on the electorate. He is a B. A. of New College, Oxford, and, despite the fact that he only achieved a modest third class in the final schools last year, is reputed to be the cleverest of Lord Rosebery's children. He is ambitious for a political career, and intends to begin modestly with the L. C. C. It has, before to-day led to the Cabinet. He has greatly benifited by the will of his great-aunt, Miss Cohen, and inherits her Great Stanhope Street house and its valuable contents.

Lady Aberdeen is determined to signalise her reign in Dublin Castle by doing all she can for Irish industries. Already the greatest interest is being taken over in the Emerald Isle in the wonderful Irish lace ball which her Excellency is to give during January. The dresses of the ladies are to be, as far as possible, of Irish manufacture, and this will certainly be no hardship in view of the beautiful Irish poplins and other fabrics which are now manufactured; while Irish lace or crochet is to be *de rigueur*. The gentlement are to appear in Court dress, their ruffles an jabots being entirely of Irish lace. The dances will include, in addition to Irish jigs and reels, and the old-fashioned step dances, several quadrilles in which the dancers will all be wearing lace of the same make. Thus there will be a Carrickmacross quadrille, a Limerick, and old point, and other quadrilles.

FOR the first time in the history of the Colony of Ceylon, says the *Times of Ceylon*, the Customs revenue for 1905 exceeded a crore of rupees by nearly Rs. 65,000. "We have not yet the final figures of the Chamber of Commerce before us as to our precise exports and imports for 1906, but from those already available, and from other investigations we have made, we have no hesitation in stating that the Customs revenue for last year will show a still further material advance on 1905 of something over Rs. 200,000!"

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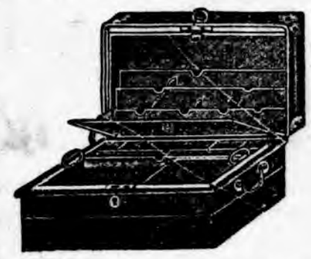

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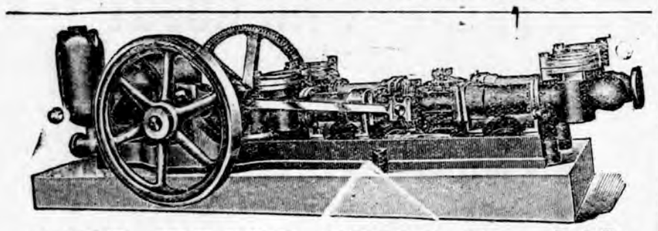

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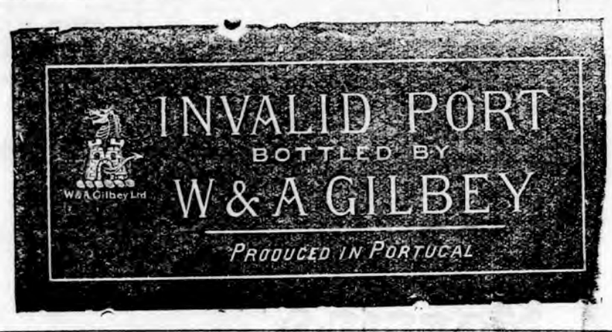

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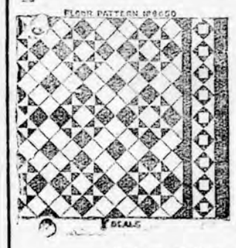

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